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The Evans Repeating Rifle.

We show in the accompanying illustrations a new repeating rifle, manufactured by the Evans Repeating Rifle Co., for whom Messrs. Merwin, Hulbert & Co., No. 83 Chambers street and 63 Reade street, N. Y., are agents. As will be seen from the sectional cut marked Fig. 1, the Evans rifle is a magazine gun carrying a large number of cartridges, so placed as to be protected from accident. These cartridges are so disposed in the stock as to maintain a perfect balance of the piece when in position for shooting. The barrel of the gun, being unincumbered, is light, while the stock, though carrying the added weight of 34 rounds of 44-100 calibre central fire cartridges, is not distorted or made clumsy, but still retains a neat appearance and a shape which fits it well to the shoulder. The size of the cartridge is shown in Fig. 3. As each cartridge is carried in a chamber by itself, the reserve ammunition is perfectly protected against any shock which can explode it. The movement of the lever, which is shown thrown forward in Fig. 1 and closed in Fig. 2, carries a cartridge forward and drops it into position, simultaneously ejecting the exploded shell. The gun can be used as an ordinary breech loader, if desired, or the whole round of 34 cartridges may be discharged by an expert in the use of the piece in 20 seconds.

The working parts of the rifle consist of only seven pieces, all of which are simple and strong. There are no spiral springs or delicate parts used in its construction, and the arm is not likely to become deranged. The weight of ammunition carried diminishes the recoil materially, which is a consideration of importance.

Breech loading rifles have almost totally displaced the old-fashioned muzzle loaders, and now the tendency of riflemen is to demand a magazine gun, which renders it unnecessary to handle a greasy cartridge every time the gun is discharged, and also enables them to shoot with so much greater rapidity. This increase of rapidity in firing is of the greatest importance, as it often enables the sportsman to get several shots at game which otherwise he would lose if he failed to disable it at the first fire. Thus a good repeating rifle adds materially to the success of the sportsman.

A personal use of this gun in the woods for several weeks enables us to speak with confidence of its practical working. During that time it was severely tested; was often wet, but was always in good order for use. It has the important advantage of carrying twice as many cartridges as any other magazine gun in the market.

Price's Patent Retort Furnace.*

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The ordinary reverberatory furnaces as employed for melting and puddling pig iron, or heating piles for the rolling mill, consist of a fire place, a hearth for the reception of the material under treatment, and a chimney for securing the necessary current of air through the fuel. All the operations in an iron works, with the exception of raising steam, require for their performance a very elevated temperature. Only that region, therefore, immediately adjoining the source of heat is available for any of the above-mentioned purposes; because, by the time we reach a distance of a few feet from the fire place, the flame is cooled down below that point to which it is sought to raise the contents of the furnace. The waste of heat, therefore, in every simple furnace, as described, is enormous, and various attempts have been made to reduce the amount of this loss. In former times, chambers between the hearth proper and the chimney were constructed, in which the iron received its first portions of heat. The extent, under any circumstances, to which this system is applicable in an iron works is but limited, indeed, practically, it was confined to the puddling process. Now, however, since the preliminary operation of refining has, generally speaking, been abandoned, this mode of economizing fuel has fallen into disuse.

In more recent times a considerable portion of the heat, which otherwise escaped into the chimney, has been intercepted by employing it as a means of raising steam. This application is sound in principle, because so far as a mere question of heat is concerned, there is no reason why the products of combustion might not be cooled down to 500 or 600 deg. Fah., at which temperature a maximum intensity of draught is commanded.

When, however, the gaseous contents of the chimney have their temperature reduced to 1200 or 1500 deg. Fah., the rate at which they impart heat to another body is so slow that

*Iron and Steel Institute.

there is no commercial advantage in preventing the loss inseparable from their escape, and even then the magnitude of the boiler arrangement is largely increased, compared with that when the fuel is applied direct for generating steam. An important mode of rendering available a portion of the heat, which otherwise is carried off unutilized, is obtained by the so-called regenerative furnace. In it the fuel is employed in the gaseous condition, so that both the combustible and the air required for its combustion have their temperature raised, and, in this way, heat which would be lost is intercepted and returned to the point where it can be usefully employed. Compared with the ordinary reverberatory furnace, an economy of

separated from A by the usual bridge. C is the neck descending into an underground flue D, leading into an up-cast or retort chamber, as it has been designated, E. In the center of the chamber E is a fire brick circular pillar F, with spaces around, and on which is placed a cast iron cylindrical air vessel G, which is protected by fire brick. On this air vessel G is built a retort H, partly of fire brick, partly of cast iron. The top of the cast iron part of the retort is fitted with a hopper I, in the throat of which is a damper, worked by a rocking shaft and lever from the ground. The lower portion of the retort, made of fire brick, has two necks, one L, leading to the combustion chamber for the

stack, the heat so stored being carried back into the furnace by the heated fuel. Combustion is supported by air under pressure from a fan. The air entering traverses the entire circuit of pipes, passing into the central air vessel out through the outlet into the ashpit, and so up through the grate bars. It will thus be seen, from the description just given, that to some degree the retort furnace embraces, in principle, that of the regenerative system; at the same time that the regenerative chambers, as well as the arrangement of valves for changing the direction of the current of the gases, are dispensed with.

According to a return furnished to me, a single bedded puddling furnace, working 12½ tons of

When the retort system was applied to a reheating furnace using hot air, the consumption of coal was as follows:

	Cwt. Per Ton.
Cinder Bottom.	
Day shift only, including lighting up.	5.25
Working day and night.	4.25
Sand Bottom.	
Day shift only, including lighting up.	4.51
Working day and night.	3.75

In the ordinary furnace, the coal consumed amounted to 9½ cwt. per ton of iron, working day shift only, and 8 cwt. when going on uninterruptedly, so that the saving of fuel appears to be about one-third in puddling, and one half in reheating iron.

From the examinations which were made of the escaping gases, it would appear that the nature of the combustion is capable of being controlled, and, in this manner, a flame of a more or less reducing character can be maintained. In one case, two piles of iron were placed in a reheating furnace, which, from their size, projected above the bridge, where they were exposed to the cutting action of the flame. To avoid waste from this cause, the blast was moderated to about half its usual volume, the effect of which was manifested in the nature of the escaping gases, which had the following composition:

Car. oxide, 13.07 vol., or 13.39 by w't.	
Car. acid, 7.76 " " 12.49 "	
Hydrogen, 7.35 " " 5.3 " "	
Nitrogen, 71.82 " " 73.59 "	
100.00	100.00

The air was heated to 500° Fah., and the gases as they entered the chimney 1500°, as ascertained approximately by a pyrometer, the flue itself being visibly red hot. This elevation in the temperature in the flue is probably due to the presence of so much unburnt inflammable matter in the gases, which would continue to burn on its way to the point of exit.

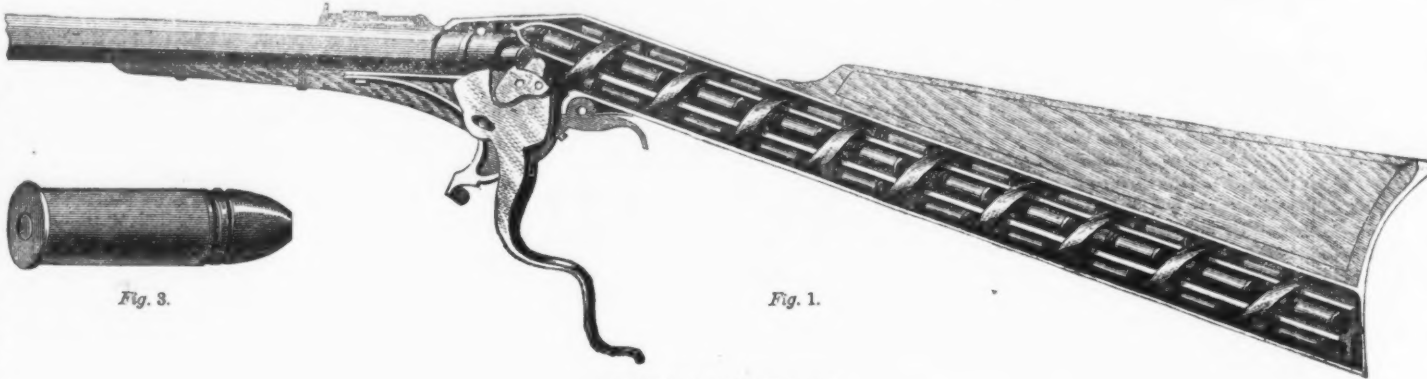
In the next experiment, the object sought to be obtained was the intensity of the temperature within command by this form of furnace, hence the full equivalent of air, heated to 550° Fah., was employed; indeed, the analysis of the sample of gases extending over three-quarters of an hour shows an excess of oxygen.

Carbonic acid, 15.9 vol., or 22.8	
Oxygen, 3.2 " 3.3	
Nitrogen, 81.9 " 74.9	
100.0	100.0

The elevated temperature afforded by the apparatus at the period when the gases had the composition just described may be judged of by the fact that 26½ lbs. of malleable iron was perfectly fused in 2½ hours. The escaping gases, notwithstanding the intense heat of the hearth, only indicated 900° Fah., the flue itself not being visibly red hot. Taking the heat evolved by the combustion of coal to be 8000 units per unit of the fuel, that which escapes up the chimney in the gases at 900° Fah. may be roughly estimated at 15 per cent. of the whole. The loss from a furnace of the ordinary construction would, at the high temperature at which the products of combustion enter the chimney, be difficult to calculate, but at anything like 3000° Fah., it would not be far from one-half of the heat the coal is capable of affording. The advantage, therefore, of intercepting the difference between 50 and 15 per cent., and of returning even a portion of it, so that it may be usefully applied, is obvious. That a notable amount of effective power which would be otherwise lost is so returned, is apparent from the figures, giving the consumption of coal, which have been furnished to me. A word or two with regard to cost of construction and of maintenance, which constitute important items of consideration in questions such as that we are discussing. Mr. Wm. Price informs me that the retort furnace for puddling can be erected at something like half the price of one made according to the plan commonly in use, the power of production being the same in each case.

In the matter of repairs, his experience does not extend over a sufficiently long period to enable him to speak with precision. So far, however, as he can form an opinion, he thinks that the cost of maintenance is less, and that the retort furnace is more durable than the old kind formerly used. The retorts themselves promise, from present appearances, to last 12 months, in which case their renewal will amount to 3d. per ton on the iron puddled, and 1½d. on iron reheated. In conclusion, I may state that several of Mr. Price's furnaces are, and for some time have been, in operation at the Government Works, at Woolwich. I am indebted for the particulars contained in this communication to the courtesy of the officers of that establishment. The analysis of the gases given were performed in the Royal Laboratory of the Ordnance Department.

The Cleveland Iron Company have discharged their puddlers.



THE EVANS REPEATING RIFLE.

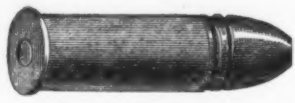


Fig. 3.

Fig. 1.

from 20 to 30 per cent. in the fuel consumed is stated to be effected by the regenerative system. In the common furnace, the volatilization of the hydro-carbons in the fire place is not only the cause of the expenditure of a certain quantity of heat, but the absorption of this heat tends to impose a limit to the power of the apparatus. The cooling effect, due to the evapor-

passage of fuel, the other to the outside of the furnace for the insertion of stoking tools, to force the fuel forward into the combustion chamber. The entrance of the outer neck is closed by an air-tight door M. The up-cast or retort chamber E extends to near the top of the retort, where it is closed by brickwork, but is opened at the side by the flue N leading to the

pig iron per week, gave the following results:

	T.	C.	Q.	L.	T.	C.	Q.	L.
Pig iron delivered.	188	15	0	0				
Scrap iron delivered.	31	4	0	0				
Fettling used.					219	19	0	0
Coal.					49	17	1	10
Received puddled bars.	184	1	2	15				
Received scrap iron.	28	7	3	15				
					212	9	2	2

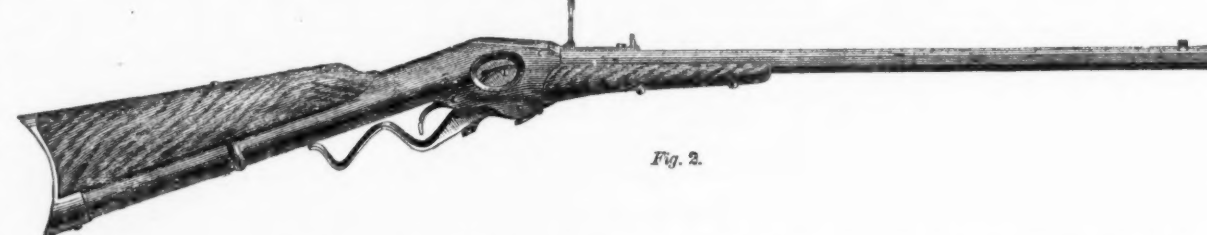


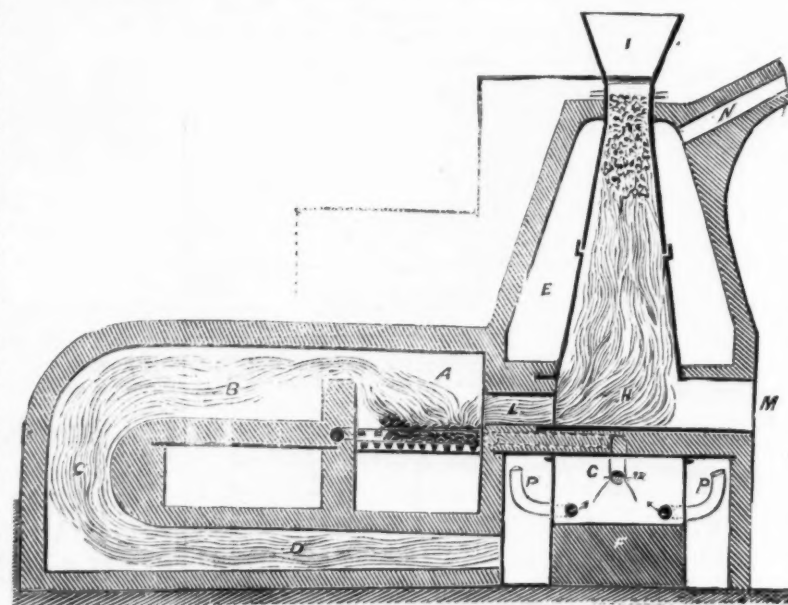
Fig. 2.

ation of the volatile constituents of the coal, is augmented by the periodical introduction of the cold fuel, which is accompanied by the influx of a large volume of cold air. The result is a very prejudicial effect, both in respect to the economy of combustible and intensity of temperature. From this convenience, the continuous action and previous heating of fuel and air exempts the regenerative furnace. The preliminary conversion, however, of the coal into a gas is attended with a certain amount of loss, inasmuch as the whole of the fixed carbon is burnt to the condition of carbonic oxide, which means a sacrifice of about 30 per cent. of its heating power. To this has to be added the cost of plant for doing this, and for heating the gasified fuel and air.

Mr. John Price, of Sunderland, has contrived a form of apparatus which he distinguishes by the name of the retort furnace. In it Mr. Price raises the temperature of the air, as well as that of the gaseous and fixed constituents of the coal, by the waste heat before it enters the chimney. It is true he cannot compete with the furnace known as the Siemens, in the matter of intensity of temperature to which the substances employed as the source of heat are brought, but Mr. Price avoids the loss which takes place in the gas producers of the so-called regenerative furnace. Whether the retort furnace can, or cannot, be applied to the manufacture of steel by the open hearth process remains to be proved; in the meantime it is interesting to know that 26 lbs. of wrought iron have been completely melted in a crucible by means of one of these furnaces. The drawing is a longitudinal section through center of furnace; A is a combustible chamber filled with grate bars in the ordinary way. B, a heating chamber,

stack. Near the bottom of the chamber E, and in a line with a center of the circular air vessel G, are pipes P P, inserted in the walls of the chamber E, passing all round the chamber. These pipes are connected with the blast and pass into the central chamber G, as shown.

The practice in working is to light a fire on the grate bars, and generate heat in the usual manner, until the furnace is well heated.



PRICE'S PATENT RETORT FURNACE.

The retort is then filled with fuel, and the firing commences from the retort, and by the time the fuel at the top descends to the bottom of the retort, it is well heated, and a continuous supply of heated fuel is then kept up. All raw fuel is from this time supplied to the hopper I, only let into the "retort" by the damper without the access of air. The gases so generated in the combustion chamber pass over the bridge into heating chamber down the neck, into the underground flue, into the up-cast or "retort" chamber, filling the spaces around, and giving up their heat to the circular air chamber, the retort and the air pipes and their residue passing off by way of the flue into the

CONSUMPTION PER TON OF PUDDLED IRON AND SCRAP.

	T.	C.	Q.	L.	T.	C.	Q.	L.
Pig and scrap iron.	27	70	cwt.					
Fettling.					46			
Coal.					14	07		

In the case of a double bedded puddling furnace working 25 tons of pig iron per week, I have received the following figures:

Pig iron delivered.	633 tons.
Scrap iron delivered.	83 tons 11 cwt.
Total delivered.	685 tons 11 cwt.
Fettling used.	70 tons 1 qr. 9 lb.
Coal used.	350 tons 3 qr. 5 lbs.
Received puddled bars.	578 tons 14 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lbs.
Received scrap balls.	75 tons 1 qr. 15 lbs.
Total received.	633 tons 14 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lbs.

CONSUMPTION PER TON OF PUDDLED IRON AND SCRAP IRON.

	T.	C.	Q.	L.	T.	C.	Q.	L.
Pig and scrap.	20	97	cwt.					
Fettling.					23			
Coal.					10	71		

In both the trials of which particulars have just been given, the furnace was worked by the draught of the chimney, and the air entered the fire-place at the temperature of the atmosphere. In the following experiment a fan was used, and the air was propelled through heated pipes, by which its tempera-

ture, before entering the fire-place, was heated to 300° Fah. The furnace was of the double bedded description, and the work performed was 26½ tons of pig puddled in 10 shifts, instead of 25 tons when using cold air:

	T.	C.	Q.	L.	T.	C.	Q.	L.
Pig iron delivered.	26	5	0	0				
Scrap iron.	3	4	0	0				
Fettling.					29	9	0	0
Coal.					5	5	3	22
Received puddled bars.	24	19	1	12				
Received scrap balls.	3	0	0	0				
					27	19	1	12

CONSUMPTION PER TON OF PUDDLED IRON AND SCRAP BALLS.

	T.	C.	Q.	L.	T.	C.	Q.	L.
Pig and scrap iron.	21	00	cwt.					
Fettling.					38			
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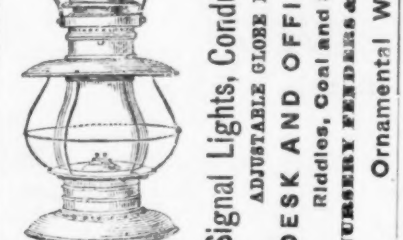
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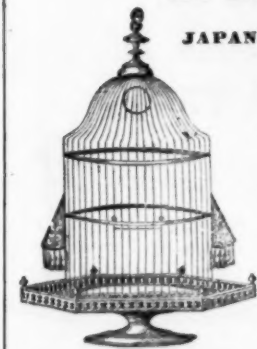
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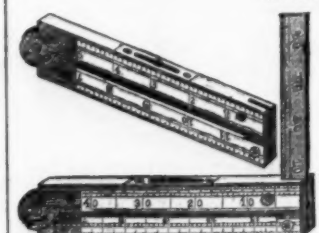
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The Albert Hill Works were the first built by Mr. William Baringham, in the Cleveland district, and they were laid out on a plan of his own. The land he acquired for their site only cost £300 an acre in 1854, whereas ground in the same locality has recently been sold for £1000 an acre. After fixing upon the site of his intended works, Mr. Baringham attended the sale of the fixtures appertaining to the Manchester Exhibition of 1853, and brought the cast iron roof that covered the exhibition for a very low price. The same roof still covers the Albert Hill Works, and is remarkably well adapted for its purpose. Travelers on the main line of the Northeastern system between York and Newcastle must have noticed with surprise the ponderous and yet elegant looking Albert Hill Works of the Darlington Iron Company on the left hand, while the more recently built Springfield Works are on the other. Both works are thus in immediate contiguity to the northeastern main line, which may almost be said to run through their center. In the Albert Hill Works there are 105 puddling and 40 mill furnaces available for use. There are likewise four finishing mills and two forge trains, each with an engine. Attached to each of the finishing mills there is a blooming mill, so placed as to secure the greatest facility and economy of work. One of the finishing mills has 30 in. rolls, and is worked by a vertical engine with a 42 in. cylinder. The other finishing mills are worked by horizontal engines attached to each. Another 18 in. mill is driven by a horizontal engine with a 42 in. cylinder, and two 12 in. forge trains have each a separate engine with a 30 in. cylinder. The two forge trains are of 24 in. and 30 in. respectively, the former actuated by a horizontal engine with a 36 in. cylinder, and the latter by the same kind of engine with a 30 in. cylinder. The size of each of the two blooming mills attached to the finishing rail mills is 20 in., and each is fitted with rolls for the purpose of flattening the crop ends of rails, after being cut at the saws. One of them has a peculiar arrangement, which we have not seen elsewhere, for lifting the pile, so as to enable it to be passed through between the top and the center rolls. This is done by an application of levers actuated by a steam engine. It is so effective that the pile is lifted from the lower to the upper roll, and passed through without any aid from the men, thus obviating a great deal of manual labor. This plan was first introduced at the Albert Hill Works by Mr. Thompson, the engineer, and it has since been copied, we believe, at some other works, where its advantages have been enjoyed free of any charge, for the system was never patented.

All the puddling furnaces are worked by hand, being constructed in the ordinary way. There is, however, a special and rather an ingenious mode of charging and drawing the hot piles, which saves a great deal of time and labor. Over the top of every second mill furnace a compound cylinder is fixed on a couple of rails, by means of which a chain is drawn backward and forward over a pulley, according as it may be necessary to deal with the piles, which are carried on an appliance actuated by the chain. The mechanism of the apparatus is very simple, and can easily be worked by a single boy, whereas, we are informed, that previous to the introduction of this system sixteen men were required to do the same work. This is only one of many little labor saving appliances and processes, never patented or made public in any way, which have been adopted at these works, and it is, undoubtedly, greatly due to the advantages gained in this way that the Darlington Iron Works have had such a prosperous career, while neighboring concerns were experiencing "the uses of adversity."

Among machines designed for the manipulation of iron rails, a combined punching and

straightening machine, of Mr. Thompson's invention, is especially entitled to notice. The rails are straightened very quickly, and with great accuracy, by means of an expanding ram actuated by right and left hand screws. The work can be done by boys with this machine, whereas only a skilled workman could undertake the straightening of rails by the ordinary method. Two of these machines at Darlington Iron Works have done more than a thousand tons of rails in a single week of six days, working at the rate of ten hours per day, and with two boys at each machine; and as a regular thing three boys and one man can both punch and straighten with this machine 100 tons of rails per day of ten hours, making them quite ready for fish plates. In addition to the two punching and straightening machines of this novel principle, there are five punching machines of the ordinary kind, each with an engine attached, adapted not only for rails, but for other work. There are also three rail presses, each having an engine to itself; two rail sawing machines, adapted for sawing the crop ends off the heaviest rails so as to leave them perfectly square. Eight steam hammers, nine mills, five pairs of mill saws, three sets of large shears, three pairs of guillotine shears, one large pair of lever shears, four pairs of steam pumps, two cylinder mills for grinding fettling for the puddling furnaces, eight pairs of double steam pumps and five locomotives, make up an inventory of the principal contents of the Albert Hill Works, additional to those we have more particularly referred to. The pumps are fed with hot water, heated by the waste steam from the mill engines. The water supply is derived from the river Skerne, which runs close past the works. The whole of the mill and part of the forge furnaces are ventilated by three large stacks. The works employ from 1300 to 1500 men and boys, and consume from 200 to 300 tons of coal per day. The managing director is Mr. Thomas Baringham, nephew of the founder of the establishment, and the engineer is Mr. C. Thompson, by whom the engine was designed. The engine has been built to drive a 30 in. rail mill train, and is of a novel construction for this class of work, although an engine of the same size and make has been driving a 16 in. rail mill train for some time past at Albert Hill Works, and has rolled over 100 tons of rails in 12 hours. The second engine has, however, some improvements on the first one. The diameter of the cylinder is 42 in. and the length of stroke 40 in. The average speed is about 100 revolutions per minute. The fly-wheel is about 20 tons in weight, and the rim is cast in one piece, its diameter being 20 ft. 6 in., and was turned up on the exterior surface after the engine was erected, thereby enabling the engine to run with more than usual steadiness at an exceptionally high velocity. The exhaust steam from the engine is used to heat the water previous to being pumped into the boilers.—The Engineer.

Early Inventions.

A writer in the *Scientific Press* says:

The era of improvement may properly be said to have commenced in 1400. Previous to that time there is a very meagre record of the onward march of progress in mechanics and arts. With the exception of the invention of gunpowder, claimed by both Germany and China, and that of steam as a motive power (the practical application of which was as yet unknown), there were none of great value to the world.

Several important inventions and discoveries mark the fourteenth century, while many of lesser note added to the comfort and development of civilization.

Hats, so common now, were first invented in 1404. Algebra was first introduced into England by the Saracens in 1412. Paper made of linen rags was the production of the year 1417. To England is accorded the honor of the invention and use of the musket in 1421. A very useful, if not a great invention, was that of pumps in 1425. Diamonds were first cut and polished in 1439. In 1441 printing was invented by Faust, a German. Most persons are familiar with the traditional letters carved on the bark of a tree, the embryo type that were destined to merge into the grand art which is so prolific in practical benefits to the entire human race. England was slow to seize upon this new discovery, and it was not until 1474, a lapse of 33 years, that the art of printing was introduced into that country by Caxton. As a natural sequence, engraving on wood followed in 1460, and engraving on copper by an Italian in 1480.

With the general distribution of knowledge through the medium of the printing press came the necessity of better postal facilities. Post offices were first established in France in 1464. The system was soon adopted throughout Europe. The year 1470 was rich in the production of almanacs at Florence by Verichio. A rapid stride was made in the musical world by the invention of the violin in 1477. This year was also marked by the invention of watches at Nuremberg. The first watch is said to have been as large round as a hat, with cumbersome machinery, and a striking apparatus that told the hours and quarters with force enough to awaken the seven sleepers. Canals in modern style were built for the first time in Italy in 1481. The Greek language was introduced into England by Grocy in 1491, and map and charts were unknown to the same country until 1489. Spinning wheels were invented in 1530, and playing cards, for the amusement of the French king, in 1584. Dice, it is recorded, were invented 1500 years B. C. and bellows 554 B. C. By this it would appear that gamblers and bellows menders were as common in early times as now.

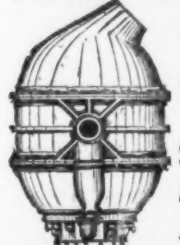
The various inventions of the fourteenth century were each of material benefit to science, art or commerce. But science is the most indebted to the three great discoveries—printing, watches and muskets. The first discriminates step, and preserves it; the second aids it at every step, and the science of war immeasurably advanced by the third. Germany, the first in grand results, has not since been superseded in the race by any country except the United States, the new republic's multitudinous and great inventions being in keeping with its rapid growth and prosperity.

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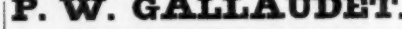
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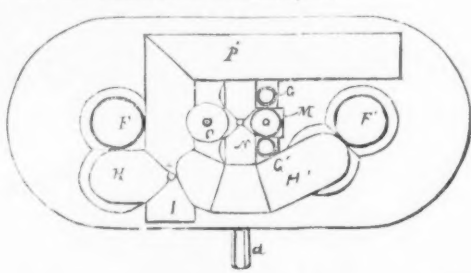
New Patents.We take from the records of the Patent Office
in Washington the following specifications of
certain patents lately issued, which will be
found interesting:**IMPROVEMENT IN FURNACES FOR SMELTING ORE.**Specification forming part of Letters Patent
No. 166,977, dated August 24, 1875, issued to
William E. C. Eustis, Milton, Mass.Figure 1 is a top view and Fig. 2 a longitu-
dinal and vertical section of said furnace.This furnace can be used for forcing air and
gas in separate columns through charges of
metal, as iron, for instance, or of ore and metal,
and passing the resultant spent gases of com-
bustion through like charges, and next by
reversal of the direction of the said currents,
passing the air and gas through the last men-
tioned charges, and the products of combustion
through those first mentioned, whereby the
charges to be melted are made to serve to heat
the gases for melting them.In the drawings, A denotes the main reduc-
tion chamber of the furnace, the hearth of
which is shown at a, the crown or roof at b,
the doorways at ccc. Leading upward from
opposite ends of the main chamber are two
auxiliary chambers or ore receptacles, B B',
between which there are arranged two others,
but smaller in height and diameter or width,
these latter being shown at C C'. The floors
of the chambers C C' are above the roof of the
main chamber A, there being between the two,
and extending over the said roof, in manner as
shown, an open space or passage, D, the purpose
of which is to enable access to be readily had
to the roof and parts about such passage for
repair thereof, as occasion may require. From
each of the chambers C C', at or near its bot-
tom, an inclined passage, E or E', leads into
one of the ore chambers B B'—that is, the

Fig. 1.

down through the hot metal in the chamber C'.
Both currents of air and gas, in going down
through the charges, will absorb heat there-
from, so that when they come together in the
lower part of the body of ore their combustion
will be greatly promoted. The flame from
them, rushing through the main chamber A,
will, with the spent gases, pass up through the
charges of the chambers B and C, and thence
into the chimney, the amount escaping at any
time from either of the chambers C C' being
regulated by the valve R of the case O.In consequence of the discharging passage
of each chamber C C' being above the crown
of the main chamber A, the molten metal from
the charge in such chamber C or C' will flow
directly downward into the lower part of the
ore charge of the next chamber B B'—viz., into
that part of it which, deprived of oxygen, may
have been reduced to what iron smelters term
"sponge"—and, passing by gravity into it,
will mix with and flux it to better advantage
than would be the case were the bottoms of
the ore and metal chambers on a level, or there-
about. The metal and slag passing from the
ore will flow over the hearth of the chamber A,
through which chamber the flame of the ac-
rated gas will also pass. The pig or scrap
metal in each of the smaller auxiliary chambers
C C' will be heated and melted by the flame and
spent gases while going through it, the amount
thereof passing through it, and escaping fromit into the educt, being regulated by the
damper R; consequently the rate of melting
of the charge of the chamber C or C' will be en-
tirely under control, such being an essential
element in the successful making of iron and
steel by this process. The melted metal from
the chamber C or C' runs down into and
through a pile of intensely heated metallic
sponge, and by so doing becomes intimately
mixed therewith. The metallic sponge is, so
to speak, fluxed by the molten pig
metal, any remaining oxygen in the sponge
being extracted, and the melting of the sponge
hastened or facilitated.The chambers B B' and C C' may be arranged
to open directly into the top of the main cham-
ber A at its ends; but by having the chambers
C C' open immediately into the chambers B B',
and these latter into the main chamber, all as
shown, we gain, as before stated, the ad-
vantage of dropping the melted pig or scrap
metal directly upon the top or upper portion
of the sponge, and its passage through such
sponge, so as to facilitate or hasten the melting
thereof.**IMPROVED SMELTING FURNACE.**Claim.—1. The compound furnace for treat-
ing ore and pig or scrap metal, the same being
composed of the main chamber A, the two ore
receiving chambers B B', the metal receivingchamber C communicating with the chamber B
by the passage E, and the chamber B' with the
chamber C' by the passage E'. These chambers
are closed at their tops, except that to each
there is a charging-hopper or educt, as shown
at F, F', G, and G'. Furthermore, branch
pipes H H' from a gas conduit, I, lead into the
said ore chambers B B', there being at the
junction of the said branch pipes and gas con-
duit a damper, by means of which, while gas
may be forced into the pipe I, such gas may be
caused to pass into either branch pipe, and be
prevented from passing into the other. An air
educt, L, provided with a regulating valve,
M, communicates with the two metal chambers
C C' by a cross or branch conduit, N, and also
with a valve case, O, which opens into an educt
or continuation, P, of the gas educt I. The
case O is furnished with a valve, R, to regu-
late the escape of air into the educt P, which
generally is to lead to and into a chimney.There is also at the crossing or junction of the
conduits L N a reversing damper, S, by which
the air may be caused to pass into either of the
chambers C C' at pleasure.In using the above described compound fur-
nace the two larger auxiliary vertical chambers
B B' are to be charged, like the stack of a com-
mon smelting furnace, with iron ore, and thepipe, and with their delivery ends made to pro-
ject in front of said blast pipe within the tuyere.
These tubes serve to conduct steam or gas, or
both, in advance of the air blast, and so that
the steam or gas is caused to mingle with the
air of the blast at the most efficient point to
bring them and the air in contact with the fire.
Said tubes C C' may be connected outside of
the tuyere with a valve, D, common to both,
for regulating the supply of steam or gas, or
for shutting off the same when the air blast
alone is required to be used; or the steam or
gas may be used alone, or in combination with
the air, as circumstances require. The valve D
is connected at b with the gas supply pipe, or,
by removing the latter, with a steam supply
pipe of the same size, by means of a union
coupling. Coal or any other suitable gas may
be used. The tubes C C', instead of being ar-
ranged outside of the blast pipe B, as repre-
sented, may pass through the interior of said
pipe. The gas or steam being conducted
through or inside of the tuyere to a point in
front of the blast pipe nearest to the furnace,
the force of the blast will drive the steam or
gas to its proper point of contact with the fire.
By this mode of introducing the steam or gas,
or both, in common with the air of the blast, a
more intense heat may be obtained, and more
perfect combustion, also a much superior qual-
ity of iron be produced.Claim.—The combination of the tuyere A,
air blast pipe B, arranged therein, and steam
tubes c c on the exterior of, and projecting in
front of, the air blast pipes.**IMPROVEMENT IN THE MANUFACTURE OF IRON**

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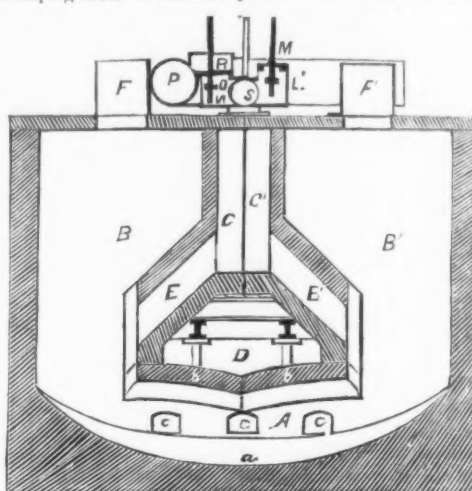
Specification forming part of Letters Patent
No. 166,454, dated August 10, 1875, issued to
Anson G. Cook, of Burlington, Vt.This invention consists in combining certain
grades of pig iron, steel and wrought iron in
the proportions hereinafter named, by which a
new product is obtained possessing nearly all
the properties of steel.Nothing new is claimed in the process by
which these elements are combined so as to
form a homogeneous metal. It is essentially
set forth in prior patents, No. 52,648, dated
February 20, 1866, for an improvement in
cupolas or blast furnaces, and No. 62,819, dated
March 12, 1867, for an apparatus for rectifying
or refining iron.The formula is as follows: To every 600
pounds of gray iron, commonly known as No.
1 iron, add from 500 to 800 pounds of white
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result is an iron combining, in its elements,
the greatest elasticity, strength and durability,
and possessing a surface susceptible of the
highest polish.Claim.—A metal composed of gray or No. 1
iron, white or No. 6 iron, Scotch iron, steel and
wrought iron combined, in about the propor-
tions and substantially as described.**IMPROVEMENT IN STEAM OR GAS AND AIR BLAST
PIPES FOR FURNACES.**Specification forming part of Letters Patent
No. 165,561, dated July 13, 1875, issued to
George H. Goodsell, of Leeburg, Pa.This invention is applicable to blast furnaces
of different kinds, including furnaces for the
reduction of ore, iron refineries, puddling fur-
naces, and, in fact, any furnaces in which a
blast is used and an intense heat is required, as
in the manufacture of iron, for which purpose
the invention will here be described as ap-
plied to.The invention consists in the combination,
with the air blast pipe, of one or more steam
or gas pipes arranged to conduct a current or
currents of steam or gas, or both, in front of
the air blast as it issues from its pipe, whereby
a more intense heat is produced, also a more
perfect combination effected and the product of
the furnace improved.Figure 1 is a longitudinal vertical section of
a furnace tuyere, with air blast pipe and steam
or gas pipe combined, and Fig. 2 a horizontal
section thereof.A is the tuyere, which may be of the ordinary
construction, the improvement being capable
of application to tuyeres now in use without
altering the same. B is the air blast pipe in-
serted in the tuyere. C C are tubes arranged to
enter the tuyere on either side of the air blast

Fig. 2.

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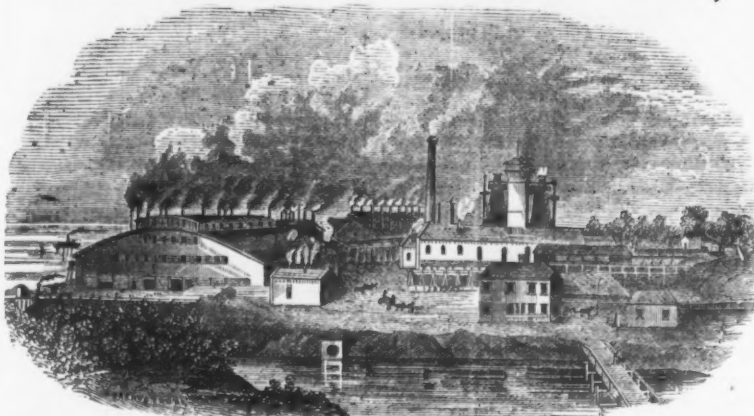
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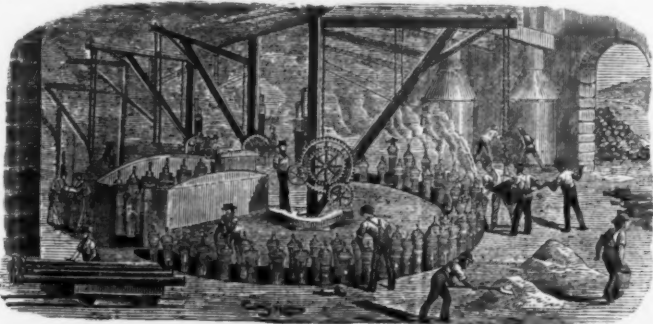
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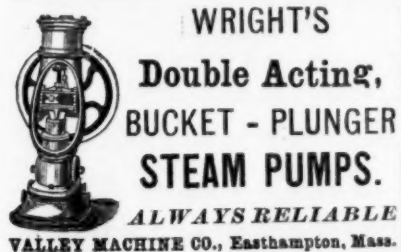
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The Condition of Labor in England and America.

At the annual meeting of the Hawarden Literary Institution, held on Tuesday, the Rev. Stephen Gladstone presiding, the adoption of the report was moved by the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone, who said: I wish you to consider a few things which I will endeavor to lay before you. In the first place let me say, in recommending to your encouragement and patronage an establishment of this kind, I do not do so as if either bodily exercise or even mental culture and improvement of our intellectual faculties are of themselves the whole of what man requires in the course of this his pilgrimage upon earth. Man has three forms of life—his spiritual life, his intellectual life, and his bodily life. It is in relation to God, and upon his relation to God, upon the knowledge of God, and upon all that concerns that knowledge, that his destiny and his happiness really depend. On these matters I don't presume to address you. It is no part of my function here. I address myself here to a lower task, but still to a very high task, when I ask you to consider what can be done to consider the question of the intelligent life that we ought all to endeavor to live, and what belongs to such an institution as this. Now, as I said, believing that this institution, if it is to prosper, must be a popular institution, having its foundation in the minds of those who are called the laboring part of the population, I must necessarily consider a question which may occur to them all, and which, in other times, must have occurred to any of them who were solicited to enter establishments of this kind. I have said that man has an intelligent life, and likewise a bodily life and material life. Of the bodily or material life the wants are perfectly imperative and indispensable. It is in his choice, to a great degree, whether he will cultivate his intellectual faculties. It can hardly be said to be in his choice whether he will labor for the supply of his bodily wants, and the supply of the wants of those who are immediately depending upon him. It often happens in the mixed and imperfect condition in which we live that the exigencies of the bodily and material life are such, and the means of supplying them so limited, that they actually press out—squeeze out, if I may say so—the opportunity of attending to the wants of our intellectual life. And that, perhaps, is the great excuse that men would make for passing by the calls of an institution of this kind. They say: "It is all very well for people with plenty of money to spend, but I am a laboring man, dependent upon my hands, dependent upon my health. I have got a wife and children to support. It is not for me, and I won't be bothered with it." It is now about 36 years ago since, very greatly to my own comfort and advance, I became very closely connected with this place, and that is a very limited time in the life of a community. But what immense changes have taken place in the position of the agricultural laborer even within that time! The right honorable gentleman then referred to Mr. Eden's work on the condition of agricultural laborers in the counties in England between the years 1790 and 1800, to show that the average wages then received by an agricultural laborer to support his wife and family was 8/ per week. Continuing, he said: Of 62 cases of families, which are given in the most minute manner, in 49 of them the wages of the man and of his family were not sufficient to meet the expenditure, the expenditure being based upon a narrow, scanty and defective scale. That was the condition of what we called "Merry England" 80 years ago, and now you hear people sometimes say that the time of "Merry England" is gone by. Well, it may not be as "merry" now in all cases as we should wish it to be, but I expect it is quite as merry as it was in the times of your fathers and grandfathers, and many generations before them, and a good deal merrier, too. As regards mining labor, the change has been very great and extraordinary. I don't speak of the change which has taken place within the last three or four years. I hope there are a great many good miners in this room, and to them I would say as a friend, I have always looked upon the change with very mixed feelings. It was too great—too sudden—not to be of a short-lived character. It was quite manifest that so great and so sudden a change could not be supported permanently. It is not in the nature of things. The laws of the trade did not permit the rise that took place three or four years ago in the price of coke and of coal, and I say it was entirely without precedent. It was like a great storm that disturbs the air with exceeding violence. Those changes which are to be desired are changes slower and more gradual, but of a more solid and permanent kind. Apart entirely from this great change, there has been a great upward movement on the part of miners in other senses of the word. Without great augmentation of means, there is something at any rate which a man may venture to spare for his mind. It may be, perhaps, thought this augmentation of means has been neutralized by an augmentation of prices. That is not so. There are no augmentations of prices at all to account for the difference between the wages of those days. It is true that some prices are raised. The price, for example, of meat is considerably raised. What did that signify to those men? Nothing at all. It was very well that it should be cheap, but it was totally beyond their reach. But meat a hundred years ago was not equal in quality to what it is now. Remember that, and when we hear so much from the people of all classes about the increased cost of living the reply is: In some points it is true—in some points it is totally untrue, because such articles as tea and sugar and clothes are enormously reduced in price. But, independently of those cases where it is true and where it is totally untrue, it is very commonly means this, that people are not con-

tented to live as they were formerly contented to live; and I don't say that it is unreasonable. On the contrary, it is thought now they have many of the innocent means of health as well as subsistence and luxury to a degree which formerly they could not have, and which, in a degree, now forms part of the expenses of living. But I think you will admit that in this parish there is not a general presence of poverty among the laboring classes to induce men to say, "we will give everything to our bodily wants and the support of our families, and we will reserve nothing whatever for the cultivation of the mind." I hope nobody has been frightened by the formidable title "Literary and Scientific." "Literature," that is a very high flight; "science," that is a higher flight. Still, you may say that practically the exigencies of life are such that they will not allow a very large portion of literature or a very large portion of science to be pursued by the community at large. Now, my friends, let me say one word as to the kind of temptation I think besets those who are called upon for a great deal of bodily labor in their usual lot in life. When I speak of temptation, I don't now refer to those temptations which beset us all—I don't speak of those temptations which lead men—I hope in but rare instances—to neglect their wives and families and primary duties. All these I put by. I am going to speak of temptations of another class, but which have, perhaps, a readier access to those who labor hard, simply because they do not appear to involve, at first sight, any moral offence. I mean the temptation to bodily and mental indolence. Now, as far as the body is concerned, the body has pretty well done its duty when it has done the labor by means of which it obtains wages, but mental indolence is a sad thing. There is no reason why a mind of that kind should be inactive, and the owner of it should spend his time in loitering, loitering, whistling and playing marbles, and other trifling occupations which are unworthy to be called a substitute for occupation. It is quite evident, although the body is hard pressed by the labor of a population so energetic and industrious as this, yet it does not always feel entirely exhausted. Men have some strength remaining, and I am very glad that they have games of a character that require great bodily exercise; but what I entreat and desire is, that they would do the same justice to their minds that they do to their bodies. The fact of having bodily power may be a reason why they cannot give their minds to the most reduced description of reading and conversation or investigation, and, therefore, I admit that they may be frightened by the bugbear of a "scientific inquiry" which appears to be written over the door of our institution. But employment of the mind—relief to the mind—by useful employment and recreation does not in the slightest degree add to the fatigue which the body undergoes, and which promotes that equitable and general development of the faculties as between body and mind which is most conducive to the health, as well as to the happiness, of mankind. In this respect it must be admitted that we, as a people, don't come up to the proper standard. We don't do enough for the cultivation of our minds. We are, unless in the pressure of absolute necessity, a rather indolent people as regards mental cultivation, not in the lowest class, but in all classes. I will now speak of the people of Wales—that is, the Welsh speaking people. I don't know if any of you ever read a series of letters by Mr. Richard, the member of Parliament for Merthyr, a man of very considerable ability and high character, a distinguished Welshman, who sustains the character of a Welshman in the House with great effect. He published a series of letters in the *Morning Star*, which does not now exist, and brought them out as a small volume. I have read those letters with very great advantage, and I was very much struck by the character which he has given the Welsh people. It quite astonished me to see in how many respects the population can lay claim to credit and honor for all that most distinguishes good citizens and good men. Having quoted from Mr. Richard to show the literary tastes of the Welsh people, who, however, did not indulge in novels, the right honorable gentleman then concluded: I wanted to make a case in some degree, to show that the question whether you should take up this institution deserves serious consideration from those here, and a serious consideration from those to whom I hope those here will mention it. We desire that this institution should be popular, we desire that it should prosper on the present basis, and we desire to extend it. Mr. Gladstone, having warmly expressed his good wishes for the local institution, resumed his seat amid great cheering.

CONDITION OF THE WORKING CLASSES IN THE UNITED STATES.

We take the following from the forthcoming work of Dr. Edward Young on "Labor in Europe and America:"

The great advantages enjoyed by the workmen in the United States, as compared with those of the same class in the Old World, are sufficiently attested by the deep and steady current of emigration which sets toward our shores. One of the most conspicuous of these advantages consists in the equality of political rights with which the workman in America is here invested, and the comparatively high respect and dignity attached to his calling; but not less solid and decided are the advantages connected with abundant employment, good wages and the substantial comforts of life. It is true that, in common with other countries where the system of credit has been largely developed, our country has had its occasional financial crises, accompanied with serious interruptions to the ordinary course of commerce and industry; but such effects have been comparatively transient in their duration, and the normal condition of the country has been marked by a degree of prosperity rarely if ever

enjoyed elsewhere; and rarely, if ever, in the history of the world has national prosperity been so largely shared by those usually denominated the working classes.

In some of the larger cities of our eastern coast, where the labor supply is receiving constant additions from the ranks of emigrants who lack the means of advancing farther into the country, there is at times considerable complaint of the want of adequate employment; and in such places there is occasionally some privation and suffering among the poor. In the city of New York, owing to its great extent, and the lack of adequate communication between its commercial center and its suburbs, large numbers of working people, in order to be conveniently near to their places of employment, are compelled to live in crowded tenement houses under conditions which are favorable neither to health, comfort nor decency.

In some of the manufacturing towns and villages of New England, particularly the seats of the textile industries, the dwellings of the poor are represented to be in a sanitary condition that is far from satisfactory. Such conditions are, however, quite exceptional, and the masses of working people throughout the country occupy comfortable homes, enjoy an abundance of good food and comfortable clothing, with opportunities for a good common school education for their children, and possesses a degree of personal independence not enjoyed on a large scale by any other laboring population on the face of the globe.

This statement is true, not only in regard to the workmen of the rich agricultural regions of our vast interior, and the prosperous manufacturing towns with which those regions are dotted, but also to those of Philadelphia (not more famous for its industrial eminence than for the comfort of its workmen's homes) and most of the manufacturing towns of the New England and Middle States. Of these, Lynn, Worcester, Fitchburg, Taunton and Springfield, in Massachusetts; Providence and Pawtucket, in Rhode Island; Hartford, New Haven, Bridgeport, Waterbury and New Britain in Connecticut; Albany, Troy, Utica, and Rochester in New York, and Newark in New Jersey, with various smaller towns in their vicinity, are best known to the author of this report in the States mentioned; while in Ohio and Illinois nearly every town engaged in manufacturing industry may be included in the same category.

The prevailing comfort and independence of the great masses of mechanics and laborers of this country, taking one section with another, being sufficiently verified by general observation, it is deemed superfluous to enter into a detailed descriptive account of their condition and mode of life. With respect to the dwellings of factory operatives in the exceptional localities, it may, however, be said that wherever their sanitary condition is seriously bad, it is believed to have been the fault of manufacturing corporations which own the tenement houses occupied by their employees, while operatives employed by individual manufacturers, who live among them and take an active and observant interest in their well-being, are far more comfortably situated. In a recent investigation conducted by the Massachusetts Bureau of Statistics of Labor, it was found that out of 393 tenements examined in different towns in that State, 288, or upward of 73 per cent, were worthy of being reported "good," while 105, or less than 27 per cent, ranged from "fair" to "very bad." The animadversions on the poorer class of tenements contained in the reports of that bureau have attracted public attention to the subject, and there is a good prospect that, either through the action of the State Legislature or by the force of public sentiment, abuses of this kind will soon be remedied.

The Massachusetts Bureau of Statistics of Labor has made careful inquiry into the receipts, expenditures, and general condition of the families of 400 workmen in that State, and published the results of the investigations. From the detailed statements which appear in the last report of that bureau, tables have been prepared, showing the yearly expenditures of 305 families for rent, fuel, groceries, meat and fish, milk, wearing apparel, and "sundries," together with their expenditures for books and papers, and their contributions to religious and other societies. They also show the earnings of the father, and of the children where they assist in providing for the household, the number of rooms occupied, number of persons in each family, and number of children attending school, with other information, indicating with sufficient clearness the condition of each family in respect to comfort, thrift, and æsthetic culture.

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—Jules Verne's delightful romance, entitled "A Tour of the World in Eighty Days," may soon be rewritten with a substantial basis of fact to give it additional interest. The *United States Mail*, a journal devoted to postal matter, tells of a gentleman residing in the suburbs of New York, who recently made an experiment with a view to ascertain how long it takes a letter to travel round the world by mail. He addressed a letter to the United States postal agent at Yokohama, Japan, marked it "via Brindisi," and dispatched the same by steamer leaving New York for Southampton, England, on the 13th of May last. The letter inclosed another, addressed to himself, at New York, which he requested the postal agent at Yokohama to forward to the United States, via San Francisco, by first steamer. The letter arrived in England on May 24, and was thence dispatched by way of Brindisi, Aden (via Suez), Ceylon, Singapore, and Hong Kong to Yokohama, arriving there July 11. From there the inclosed letter (addressed to the writer) was forwarded by steamer leaving Yokohama on July 12, and arrived at San Francisco July 31; left San Francisco August 1, and reached New York August 9, having accomplished its circumferential journey in exactly 88 days.

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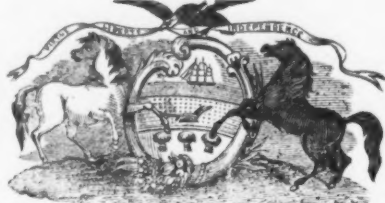
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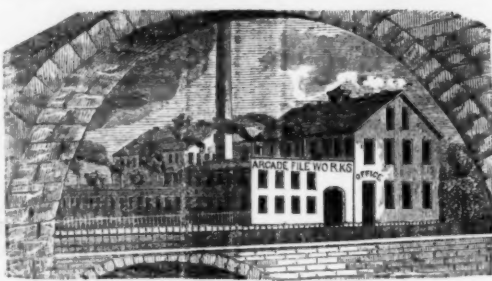
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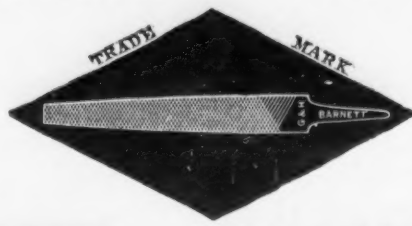
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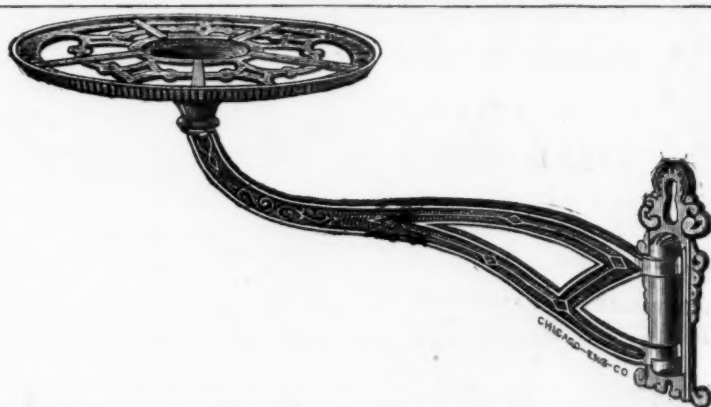
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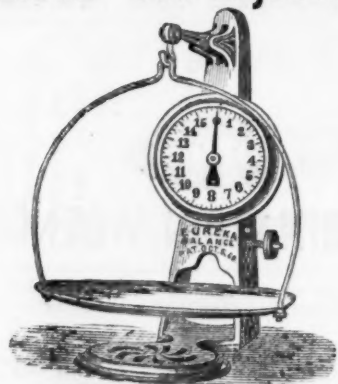
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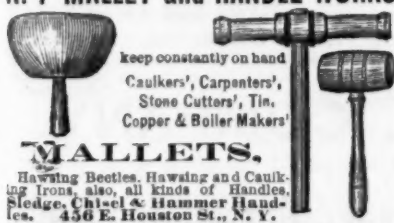
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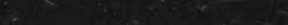
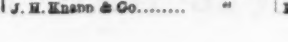
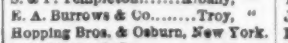
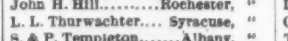
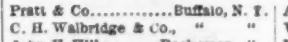
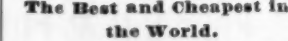
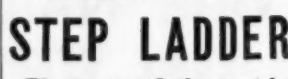
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BUSINESS ITEMS.

PENNSYLVANIA.

J. Painter & Sons, Pittsburgh, are taking steps to make an addition to their new rolling mill, to be built entirely of iron, 160x77 feet. This makes the third iron mill put up for Messrs. Painter & Sons on the south side by W. B. Scaife & Sons. The trusses of the iron roof frame will carry three heavy lines of shafting for driving the machinery.

A large amount of machinery to be used in Louisiana in a process of manufacturing cane sugar is being shipped from the works of Morris, Tasker & Co., Philadelphia. The new method is known as the diffusion process as distinguished from the maceration process, which is that of all previously constructed sugar machinery. The cane is passed between rollers by the old method and the juice squeezed out. In the new, the cane is sliced and the saccharine matter is dissolved out of it. The machinery consists of a slicer which by a diagonal cut, reduces the cane to slices about one-eighth of an inch thick.

There was rolled at the Edgar Thomson Steel Works, the other day, a sixty pound steel rail sixty feet long. It is perfect, and is believed to be the first of this length ever rolled.

S. D. Hubbard & Co., Pittsburgh, manufacturers of the Eclipse Steam Pump, are now constructing the pumping machinery for the Clarion water works. When finished this machinery will have the highest duty to perform in the United States, the elevation being 500 feet vertical height.

The Greenville Iron Company employ about 80 men at their mill.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Though a part of their works have been burnt this year, the Middleboro' Shovel Company are now employing 50 hands and turning out 50 dozen shovels per day. Beside shovels they also manufacture scoops and spades, and are running at present on full time. The firm have lately added a tack mill to their establishment, which uses up their scraps of steel. Their Boston salesroom is at 63 Oliver street.

The Taunton Locomotive Works are building twelve locomotives for the Union Pacific road. They are designed for passenger traffic only, and the cylinders are 24x18; drivers, 51 1/2 feet. Two have been completed and forwarded to the road, and two more are finished, and will be forwarded at once.

RHODE ISLAND.

The Nicholson File Company's Works, Providence, have a capacity of 700 dozen files per day, which in the aggregate amounts to 2,625,000 files per year. The capital of the company is \$400,000, and they furnish employment to 250 workmen. Over 400 different kinds of files are manufactured. Three engines, with 175 horse-power is used in propelling the machinery.

The Union Machine Company, Providence, occupy a building 40x80 feet in size, and employ from 10 to 15 men.

VERMONT.

The machine shop of F. G. & W. H. Brownell, Taftsville, has been rented by Buck & Collins, Lebanon, N. H. They will make a new style hay tedder, patented by J. M. Collins, and will also do general job work in the line of castings.

OHIO.

The Dayton Car Works, of the Barney & Smith Manufacturing Company, have just completed 500 grain cars for the St. Louis, Kansas City and Northern Railroad. They are building 100 freight cars for the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul and the Boston and New York Air Line. They are also equipping throughout four narrow gauge roads, and are building six sleepers for the Wagner Line on the Michigan Central. The company have certainly no cause for complaint.

The Globe Iron Works, Cleveland, are building a 24x30 engine for the Cleveland Rolling Mill Company that is to be used on the company's Saginaw mining lands.

Homer, Hamilton & Co., of Youngstown, are erecting a hoisting house for the Himrod Furnace Company, the girders and columns of cast iron. The Otis steam hoisting apparatus is to be used.

The King Iron Bridge Company, Cleveland, have recently constructed one of their bridges of four spans of 150 feet each, to be erected at Cornin, N. Y., another of five spans of 120 feet each for Cedar Rapids, Mich., also a single span 200 feet long for Black River, N. Y. They have 6400 feet, nearly 1 1/2 miles of bridges, in course of construction in their works.

The new shaft to replace the one broken in the City Mills of the Chamberlin Company has been ordered, and the mills will be running in 10 or 15 days. The shaft will be 22 feet long, 15 inches in diameter, and will weigh 12,000 pounds, of wrought iron, made at the Cuyahoga Works, at Cleveland.—*Akron Argus.*

The new furnace of the Iron and Steel Company, Ironton, is working on half coke and half Ashland coal, and using native ore, Iron Mountain, Mo., and Crawford county, Mo., ore, one-third each. She is now making 51 tons of iron per day.

The Lake Erie Iron Company is running on a Western order for merchant iron.

The Lake Shore Mill of the Cleveland Rolling Mill Company is running on iron rails for its Cincinnati Southern contract.

INDIANA.

The Nelson Iron Company, of Shoals, after lying idle for over one year past, has made arrangements for an ample supply of capital to carry on the enterprise successfully, and will resume operations within the next two or three weeks. The company design working the furnaces to their fullest capacity.

The Indianapolis Rolling Mill Co. have just finished a contract with the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Indianapolis Road for twenty miles of

new rail, and at once closed another contract with the same company for an additional ten miles.

The Generation and Characteristics of Smoke.

Mr. C. W. Williams says:

So much has been said and credited on the subject of the burning and combustion, and even consumption, of smoke; and it has been so often asked, what is smoke? that the subject must needs receive some attention, and we therefore produce the following interesting facts for the benefit of our readers:

Before the characteristics of combustible gases were known, it was natural that all colored vapors, rising from heated bodies, should be called smoke. So soon, however, as the proportion of the several gases were correctly ascertained, through the researches of Davy and Dalton, the misapplication of the term became unpardonable on the part of those who profess to be public instructors on the subject.

The gas from which smoke proceeds, in a furnace or retort is carburated hydrogen. The constituents of this gas have been already described; each atom consisting of two atoms of hydrogen and one of carbon. This latter we are warranted in assuming to be a solid, contained and concealed from view, by, or within the gaseous volume of the hydrogen, since carbon has never yet been produced in the form of a gas, nor hydrogen in that of a solid. It is only when their chemical union, in the form of the coal gas, is broken up, that the carbon becomes visible and tangible. Now this circumstance alone furnishes an unerring test of the difference between gas and smoke; a distinction which, we shall see, is capable of physical proof.

When we see a dark yellow vapor rising from heated coal, as at the mouth of a retort, or from a furnace, or domestic fire, after fresh coal has been thrown on, this color is not occasioned by the presence of carbon, but is caused by the sulphur, tar or earthy impurities which might happen to be in the coal. All these are subsequently separated from the carburated hydrogen in the purifying process—the gas remaining transparent—so minute are the several atoms of the carbon, and so diffused are they when in connection with the hydrogen. That the solid carbon is there, notwithstanding this transparency, is proved by its subsequent liberation; as when a polished body is thrust into the flame of a candle or gas jet, and brought out with a deposit of the carbon on it. Carbon, in fact, when in chemical union with gaseous matter, is always invisible and intangible.

The separate characteristics of the gas and the smoke will be made clear from the following:

A tin vessel was prepared, in which was placed some small coal, resin and tar, to produce a quick and large development of gas. The lid was removed, and an iron, made red hot, was introduced, and the vessel again close covered. A small tube was then inserted into the side of the vessel, to be blown into, as with a blow pipe, to expel the gas in a stream through a nozzle on the opposite side of the vessel from the blow pipe. That the carbon in this gas is inaccessible, is proved by presenting a sheet of paper to the stream, and, although it may be slightly stained, if there be much tar present, no carbon, however, will be deposited. On this stream of gas (many inches long) being lighted, a lurid flame will be produced, but which, becoming cooled down before it can be sufficiently mixed with the air, produces a large volume of true smoke. Here, then, is exhibited the gas, the flame and the smoke, at the same moment, and in succession, just as they are produced in the furnace—the gas being converted into flame, and the flame into smoke.

Now let us examine the characteristics of each. The carbon in the gas, as already mentioned, is inaccessible, being concealed by or within the atoms of hydrogen respectively, and cannot be separated, or deposited on the paper. On being lighted the hydrogen combines with the oxygen of the air forming steam, which flies off, as already described. The result is, the liberation of the atoms of carbon, either to be converted into carbonic acid (if the heat can be continued), or deposited in the form of the fine lampblack powder, as we see it collected on the wick of the tallow candle. This may be tested by presenting the white paper to it, when a large quantity of this black carbon will be deposited on it. We here see the double error of mistaking smoke for gas, and then assuming that the former can be burned.

It may be well here to notice an error with which we are generally impressed, namely, that the cloudy volume of smoke, as we see it issuing from a chimney, and filling a large space in the atmosphere, is formed of carbonaceous matter.

With equal propriety might we say, if we put a few drops of ink into a glass of clear water, and thus give it a blackened color, that the whole would become a mass of ink. This black cloud is merely the great mass of steam, or watery vapor, formed in the furnace, as already described, but colored by the carbon; and when we consider that no less than half a ton weight of water (in the expanded form of steam) is produced from every ton weight of bituminous coal consumed, we can easily account for the enormous volume and mass of this blackened vapor called smoke, as it appears to our vision, and the palpable error of supposing that this cloud of incombustible matter was capable of being consumed, or converted to the purpose of heat.

Were it not for this mass of steam the carbon would soon fall, as a cloud of black dust; but, being intimately and atomically mixed with the large volume of steam from the furnace, it is carried along by the atmosphere, only differing in color, like the cloud of steam we see issuing from the chimney of a locomotive when in action.

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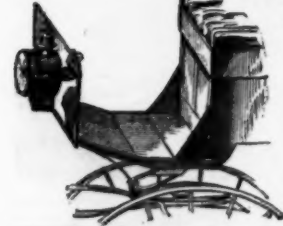
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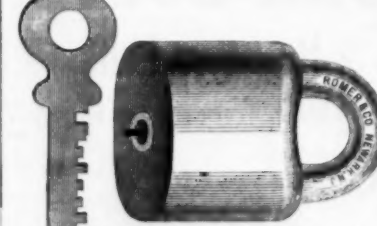
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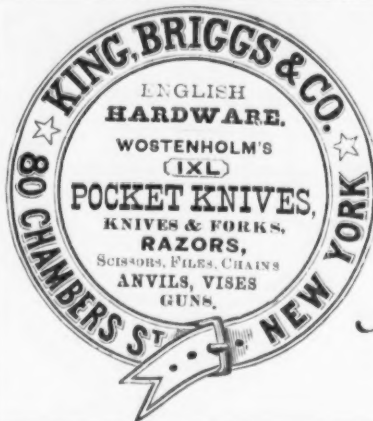
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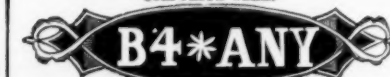
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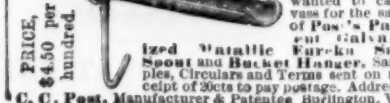
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PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 11, 1875.

A variety of interesting occurrences and topics of discussion have marked the week just past, and to chronicle all of those in the space allotted to me in your columns will require brief notice of each. A very interesting excursion was made to the works of the Phoenix Iron Company, at Phoenixville, on the 2d inst., by a large number of railway men and engineers, for the purpose of examining a new form of elevated railway, constructed near that works, and offering, it is said, very positive advantages in the problem of rapid transit. This railway is constructed on the plan of a single rail supplemented by two guide rails parallel to it, the center rail supporting the car. The road is designed to be elevated some fourteen feet above the ground level, and the advantages are that the guide wheels which serve to maintain the equilibrium of the car, being connected with the bearing wheels, maintain a constant position with relation to the bottom rails however much the car may rise or fall on its springs. The short axles of the bearing wheels, with a slight flexibility on the bearings, enable these wheels to adjust themselves to any curve independent of the car, and of each other. By this arrangement all friction of flanges, and danger of mounting the rail is avoided, and by inclining the roadway toward a center the centrifugal force may be neutralized, and very short curves used for turning trains. The roadway is supported on Phoenix columns, of course, placed at distances of fifty feet apart. The engine used on this road is a La France rotary, supplied with steam from twin boilers. The dimensions of this motor are as follows: Width from center to center of wheels is 9 ft. 6 in., and the diameter of the wheels 20 inches. The arrangements of the machinery are peculiar to this type, and require a diagram for explanation, although simple in practice. The working results were pronounced by the engineers present as thoroughly satisfactory. Without the least irregularity of motion on the curve a speed of forty miles an hour can be obtained, the car weighing 11,000 lbs., and the engine 800 lbs. From the decision of those who examined it critically it is probable that this system of roadway comes nearer to the requirements of the rapid transit question in cities than anything yet presented, and will be added to the list of successful productions emanating from the Phoenix Works.

A new enterprise, brought about by the increasing coastwise and foreign commerce of our city, is that of a new dry dock, originated by Messrs. Cramp & Sons, on the site of the present marine railway, at the foot of Palmer street, on the Delaware River front. The site is 260 feet on the river by 619 feet depth, and has already machine and smith shops, marine railway, etc., the latter capable of hauling out a thousand ton ship. The dimensions of the proposed dry dock will be 462 feet by 111 feet. It will require 4300 piles, and the basin will be, of course, made quite water tight by sheet piling. The pumping capacity, to be supplied by four centrifugal pumps, will have an aggregate water lifting power of 130,000 gallons a minute. The dock will accommodate ships of the largest size, or 450 feet long, being 100 feet longer than the steamships of the American line, and will cost, when completed, not less than \$500,000. A large force is at work on it now, and it will be finished as rapidly as possible.

Although pushed for space, I cannot refrain from quoting entire the following curious letter, found this week in removing the pulpit of St. Andrew's Church, which was built in 1823, as it gives the wages of mechanics in Philadelphia half a century since. The orthography indicates a lower scale of education than the oppressed mechanics of the present day would admit. The letter reads as follows:

Saint Andrew's Church was commenced August, the year of our lord one thousand Eight and twenty-two and was consecrated The year of our lord one thousand eight and twenty-three. This church was built for Mr. Bedell which was read to Bee a very smart man. John Haviland Was arch Eick James Clark and Benjamin Rubing master house Carpenters when this church was finist there was a Bout thirty house Carpenters working at it for one dollar a day, and Bricklayers working for one dollar 37 1/2 cents a day Plasterers one dollar 25 cts a day Stone Cutters working for one dollar a day and Painters they are working for one dollar a day and we are all glad to gitt that much, a day other mechanicks acawardly no times are so hard that mechanicks them that is marred can not afford to live cummible Without a good deal of trouble and a Single man cannot afford to gitt marred.

Still we have good marks and cheap plenty to eat and rents and as many putty carries and as cheery ones as the country can produce John Burton and Charles R. Gaskill. We was work on the pulpit in this church and we tuck the liberty to Right a few lines and putt them under the Bibel Shelf to let you now how hard times is fore us to gitt along. Now I hope Wen these lines found and open times will Be better that without they are at Present and that Pepel may all becom of one mind and worshin Lord in all cheerly and truth

Rought and Sind By

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May 11, 1823.

The frequency of new processes for converting cast iron into steel renders them objects of suspicion whatever their possible merits. The ignorant and obtuse descriptions of most of them adds to this difficulty, as witness a letter to one of our dailies describing a new process lately tried at Wilmington, Del., and said to be the invention of Prof. Wm. Field, of that city. The process *per se* seems to consist in the addition of chemicals to ordinary fu-ed pig iron, and to effect the requisite decarbonization and elimination of impurities at once. The product is, of course, pronounced to equal to the "best English steel" and tools cast from it direct are first-class. But the cream of the encomium on it is condensed in the following sentence, which says it is: "Far superior to the once famed Sanderson & Son's manufacture, and fully equal to the Blair & Bessemer, which now take the lead in the market." The Blair & Bessemer is good, and we recommend to "Analytical Chemist," who signs the letter, to send samples to each of the members of the new steel firm he quotes.

The Telegraph announces that the Allentown Rolling Mill Company will resume work to-day, the men having offered to accept the reduction which was necessary, and their refusal of which has kept the works idle for some time. From Pittsburgh it is reported that the mill men have asked a reduction of one dollar per ton to puddlers, which would make boiling rates \$4.50. This the puddler refuse, and the prospect now is of another lock-out, which, if it comes, will last all winter. The puddling furnaces of Messrs. James Rowland & Co. are idle, because

of too high cost of puddling, and refusal of the men to reduce. Philadelphia mill men say that Pittsburgh wages for rollers, heaters, &c., are full thirty per cent. lower than here, which, in part, accounts for their ability to put bars in Eastern markets at 2 1/2 cts. per lb. Several other works are in difficulty with puddlers, and it is reported that a meeting has been called of the mill owners of this vicinity to consider the wages question. All these troubles tempt to the quotation of the old saw—

"Alas! the perils which environ
The man who meddles with cold iron."

The annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Steel Co., held during the week, produced a very satisfactory showing to the shareholders. A semi-annual dividend of 6 per cent., 3 per cent. in cash and 3 per cent. in stock, was declared, and the report showed a cash surplus, September 1st, of near half a million dollars, with orders on hand for work sufficient to keep the mill employed some months. The annual inspection of the Pennsylvania Railroad maintenance and transportation departments takes place this week by the General and Division Superintendents, section bosses, etc. The inspectors ride on gondola cars pushed before an engine, and thus have an opportunity of examining the whole track, &c. The four new tracks from Pittsburgh to East Liberty will be taken as samples of those to be extended to Philadelphia, and the inspection, beginning at Pittsburgh, will extend to New York, including all branches. Each member is required to make a written report of condition of track, rails, ties, surface, ditching, policing, &c., and all these reports are critically examined at headquarters.

A trustee's sale of the Hancock Steel and Iron Company, Danville, sometimes known as the National Iron Company, is advertised for January 6, 1876. The property consists of two blast furnaces, two rolling mills and other buildings and improvements, and is sold under mortgage foreclosure, subject to other incumbrances.

The use of steel rails is coming into vogue among our horse roads, one of which will lay in front of the Centennial buildings sectional steel rails with corrugations in the flange to give a better foothold to the horses. The usual advantage of smoothness in riding over iron rails will be thus had in horse cars running on steel rails.

The Pennsylvania Warehousing Company has added a Taylor cotton press to their warehouse, which compresses 60 bales an hour, or one minute, which is quick work for a machine weighing 250 tons.

Notwithstanding the hard times experienced by ocean steamship lines since January, the American line, it is announced, has paid all expenses, and, since the increase of export trade, is now running at a profit.

A grand invasion of governors, congressmen, editors, writers, bankers and merchants from the West is expected this week to visit and view the Centennial buildings. The various railroad companies deadhead the party; the Pullman Car Company furnish the coaches, and the merchants of our city entertain the visitors while here, and it is to be expected the visit will greatly aid the Centennial cause, which is getting on as well as can be.

Government Tests of Beams, Girders and Columns.

A committee of the United States Board appointed to test iron, steel and other metals has been instructed "to arrange and conduct experiments to determine the laws of resistance of beams, girders and columns to change of form and to fracture."

This committee, desiring to attract to this branch of the inquiry the best talent and experience of the country, in order to reach results of the greatest practical value, solicits the aid and co-operation of all who manufacture or use beams, girders or columns.

Many experiments have been made by the rolling mills engaged in the manufacture of wrought iron beams, the results of which have, doubtless, been carefully recorded and tabulated. The committee earnestly asks copies of such records and tables. Engineers, architects and manufacturers, have also made many experiments upon cast iron beams and riveted wrought iron struts and girders, the results of which are respectfully requested by the committee.

It is desirable that information as full as may be obtainable, with reference to the constitution and manufacture of the iron used in making the pieces tested, should accompany reports of experiments, especially chemical analyses of the metal where these have been carefully made.

The proportions of the various parts of the samples tested should be exactly given; and in all riveted work the size and position of the rivets should be clearly set forth. In all cases the modes of applying and measuring the strains should be given.

Accurate cross sections of the samples tested, drawn to scale, large enough to admit of reliable measurements, will greatly facilitate a proper understanding and analysis of the results.

During the construction of the machinery ordered by the board, the committee desires to collect information as above, and to make such experiments as seem practicable by the use of dead loads. For these experiments, and for those which will be made when the machinery is ready for use, manufacturers are asked to supply such beams, girders and columns as they may desire to have most carefully and impartially tested.

It may be of interest to those who are thus asked to contribute costly articles for destruction by tests, to be informed that the machinery ordered is believed to be the best yet designed for testing purposes, and to possess all the nicety and accuracy attainable with the present knowledge of machine construction. The first machine will have a capacity of 400 tons (800,000 lbs.); and this will be replaced by another of 1000 tons (2,000,000 lbs.) capacity at an early day.

All suggestions as to the kind of tests to be made, and the manner of making them, calculated to give them the greatest practical value, will be gladly received; and for these and all other assistance rendered, proper acknowledgments will be made.

Sample beams, girders or columns, furnished for test should be stamped at one end with a distinguishing number, trade mark and initials of the maker, and forwarded to Col. T. F. S. Laidley, President of the Board, at Watertown Arsenal, Watertown, Massachusetts.

Reports of tests already made, and all other information herein asked for, may be forwarded to the chairman of this committee, at Maywood, Illinois.

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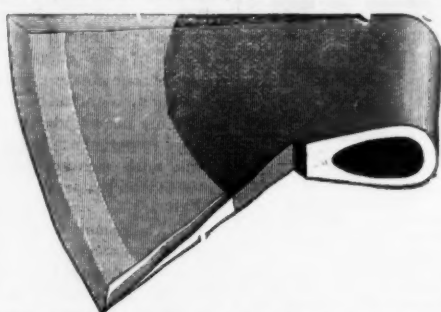
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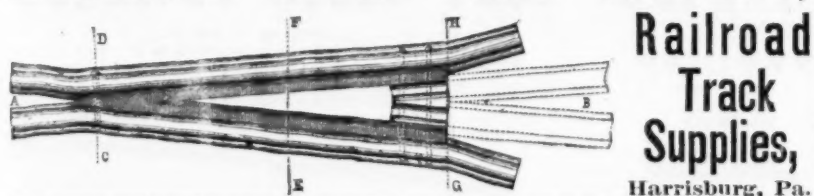
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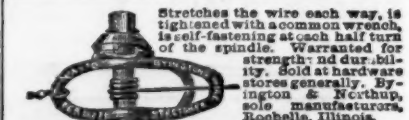
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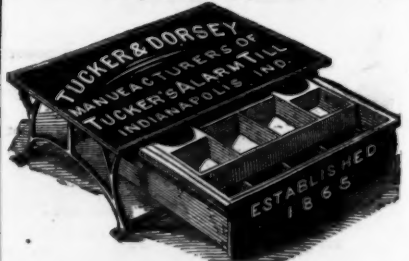
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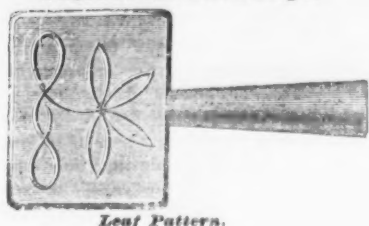
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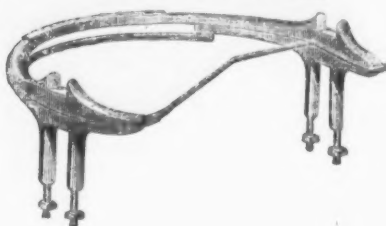
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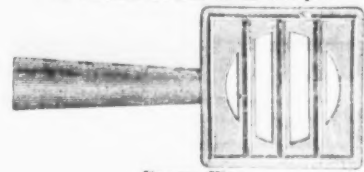
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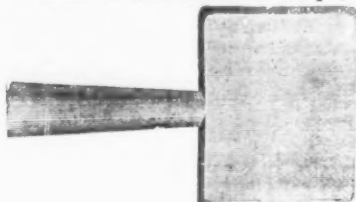
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A Last Word for the Centennial.

The success of the Centennial Industrial Exhibition is now assured. It will be international in character, as well as nationally representative; in extent, it will be greater than any previous industrial exhibition of its kind; and its financial success, if not assured, is probable. There will be no lack of means and credit to carry the work forward to a successful consummation, and there will probably be no vacant space. We do not need, therefore, to appeal to the public to aid the enterprise. Subscriptions to the capital stock are still needed, and we would encourage all intending exhibitors to contribute something in this way. The money thus loaned may not be returned with interest, but the principal will probably be refunded in whole or great part after the sale of the property at the close of the exhibition. The question is not now whether the Centennial will be a success. That is assured, as we

have said: and the manufacturer with goods suitable for exhibition who has not already made application must consider before it is too late, whether it will pay him to take part. To aid him in forming an intelligent opinion on this subject we will state a few facts which we hope will receive the intelligent consideration of our readers.

The Centennial Exhibition will open on the 10th of May, 1876: it will close on the 10th of November of the same year. The buildings and other property held in trust by the United States Centennial Commission for the stockholders, will then be sold, and the net earnings and profits of the sale will be divided among the stockholders.

No charge will be made for space, nor will an entrance fee be demanded. The expenses to be borne by the exhibitor will be limited to transportation to Philadelphia, which will probably be done at reduced rates by the railroads, and what are defined as terminal charges. The latter include handling and the storage of boxes, shipping cases, &c., during the exhibition. These charges will be moderate, as the Commissioners will make all the arrangements needed to protect the exhibitors against extortion.

Goods must be removed from the building before December 1st, 1876. The re-boxing will be done at the expense of the exhibitor, but the cost of handling and delivery to the railroad companies or other carriers will be included in the "terminal charges" before mentioned.

Applications for space will be received up to November 1st 1875. After that date it is probable that no provision can be made for the admission of exhibits. The official catalogues will then be made up, and if any space is subsequently assigned, all such exhibits will have to remain unclassified and uncatalogued. There is, therefore, no time to lose. If your application is not already in, send at once to Mr. A. T. Goshorn, Director General U. S. Centennial Commission, No. 904 Walnut street, Philadelphia, asking for blank form of application. Fill this in, and send it back by return mail.

The space which you will be allowed to occupy will be determined by the officers having this matter in charge. Ask for all the space you can fill to advantage, and all that can be spared will be assigned you.

The buildings will be open for the reception of articles to be exhibited on the 1st of January, 1876. They will be received up to the 31st of March following, after which any space not occupied will revert to the Commissioners, to be utilized or disposed of as they may see fit. The time between April 1st and May 10th will be needed for arrangement, and for those finishing touches which are needed when everything is in place.

Exhibits will be cared for during the exhibition at the expense of the owners. It is probable, however, that the several exhibitors in each group or sub-department will find it to their advantage to divide the expense of employing attendants.

As the Commissioners are not responsible for loss or damage to goods in case of fire, exhibitors would do well to insure their goods. The arrangements for protecting the buildings and their contents from conflagration will be so perfect that it is probable the insurance companies will take risks at exceptionally low rates.

Directions for the shipment of goods, and all other information needed, will be sent with the blank applications for space from the office of the Commission.

It is unnecessary at this time to repeat any part of what we have already said concerning the advantages of exhibiting in the Centennial. We have worked for over two years to impress its importance upon our readers, and we believe not without success. The iron and metal industries of the country will probably be well represented. We deplore the fact that there will be no classified and specially catalogued representation of the ores and coals of the United States, but it is too late now to do anything in the matter beyond what has already been done. The manufacturing industries of the country will no doubt be well represented in all branches, and while we may miss many of the features of special interest which would have been desirable, there is every reason to believe that the Centennial will be a great and creditable success, worthily commemorating the anniversary of our national independence by spreading before the world a record of our progress during the first century of our national life.

Steel Railway Axles.

The articles on steel as a material for railway axles which have lately appeared in these columns, have called out warm responses from several contemporaries, including our esteemed neighbor, the *Railway Gazette*. We do not reply to these articles specifically for several reasons. Newspa-

per discussions are, at best, unsatisfactory, and seldom render any benefit to the world by elucidating truth. They are, moreover, of but little interest to the readers of newspapers, very few of whom hear both sides of the argument or care much about either. For these reasons we are averse to newspaper controversies—even on so interesting and important a question as the relative merits of iron and steel as a material for railway axles.

What we believe to be the facts respecting railway axles have already been set forth at some length in these columns, but some further remarks on this subject may not be without interest to our readers, most of whom are probably aware that an effort is now making to secure the introduction of steel axles on some of the most important railway lines of the country. If the railroad companies are willing to incur the expense of making the change, no one but the stockholders will be likely to find fault with them for so doing. A good steel axle, homogeneous throughout, and stiff as well as strong, would no doubt render excellent service. The question we have attempted to consider is, whether steel is enough better than iron to make it profitable to incur the heavy expense, and whether an important reform now in progress, which looks to uniformity in the size, weight and quality of the axles used on all roads doing a through traffic, would not be defeated by any such experiment. Experience up to this time has shown that a good iron axle of proper proportions, will carry safely all the load which it is now considered economical or expedient to put upon a pair of cast wheels. This is especially true of the Master Car Builder's standard iron axle, which is so proportioned as to carry the ordinary loads without heating; and incidentally, this has given us abundance of strength. If the present effort to greatly increase the burden of our freight cars without increasing their weight, is successful, and we find that we are able to effect this by better proportioning, etc., it may be an advantage to use the Master Car Builder's standard axle made in steel—provided steel possesses greater stiffness, as well as greater strength. This has not been shown by any experiments thus far made. At present, stiffness is a prime requisite, and it probably will continue to be for a long time to come, for the reason that the journal must necessarily be so large to secure a cool bearing that the body of the axle, if reasonably well proportioned, will give us all the strength we want in any case. A large proportion of breakages of axles results from carelessness on the part of workmen in turning them off. We have examined many hundreds of axles fitted up in a great many establishments in different parts of the country, which were fatally defective in having shoulders with sharp re-entrant angles inside the wheel-fit. We have yet to learn that steel would be any better than iron when as carelessly fitted. We have no doubt that a very large proportion of the axles which break fail from this cause, and that very few fail because the iron is not strong enough, providing the fitting has been done as every good mechanic knows it should be. We have no reason to suppose that steel would be any better treated than iron in this respect.

Another frequent cause of failure in common axles is the springing of the journal, which brings the weight of the load upon the end next to the wheel. The increased wear at this point in time reduces the size of the journal, and a hot box may twist it off or an unusual shock under a heavy load may break it. Up to this time such an accident has not happened to an axle of the Master Car Builders' standard pattern, nor is it likely to until the loads which our axles and wheels are made to carry in average practice are considerably increased.

For these reasons we see no present advantage in substituting steel for iron. When the necessity for a stronger material arises, it will be time enough to discuss the subject further. In the meantime, if any of those interested in the introduction of steel as a material for railway axles, have any new facts of interest and value which they desire to lay before the public, we shall be happy to give them reasonable space in our columns. We have no prejudices against steel for this or any other use, but we do not believe the interests of steel manufacture will be promoted by claiming for that metal advantages over iron which it does not possess.

The Recovery in the Value of Quicksilver.

In an editorial dated July 22d we gave complete statistics of quicksilver production, both abroad and in this country, and some of the reasons why the metal had undergone such an important depreciation in value since the commencement of the

year. The large production of California, and the low price at which the Rothschilds were offering Spanish quicksilver in the London market, brought down the value from £11 per flask during the latter part of July to £9 a month later. This low quotation coincided with the unexpected failure of the Bank of California at San Francisco. It was apprehended that many mining enterprises in California and Nevada would be embarrassed by that important failure, and, being hampered in their operations, cause a decreased use of quicksilver for an indefinite time in those localities. But these surmises soon proved to be ill-founded, and instead of a further decline, the metal, immediately after the said failure, showed symptoms of recovery. Both speculators and consumers were reassured regarding the consequences of the bank failure on the Pacific, which proved to have been less ruinous to its own stockholders and the Pacific coast generally than had been feared when first announced. Confidence in the immediate future of the metal, therefore, began to revive at the three leading points—London, New York and San Francisco.

At London a strong speculative undercurrent soon manifested itself, and faith in the metal began to recover. The movement was not fully understood on this side at first, but as London continued to steadily advance, the truth soon became evident. The Rothschilds had just completed a contract with the Spanish government for the leasing of the Almaden mine production for a number of years to come, based on the previous low value. From having done all in their power during months to depress the value of the metal, they promptly became the most powerful supporters of it. Hence the rapid advance we have been witnessing since, which during the month of September carried quicksilver from £9 per flask to £14. 10/.

A great stimulus had, however, been given to production last year by high prices followed by important discoveries in Mexico. Now that the article has resumed an upward tendency, these sources of supply will be taken in hand with renewed vigor, and, unless consumption increases in proportion, a return to £20 and upward per flask does not seem as probable as when the house of Rothschild held the balance of supply under absolute control. But however this may be, consumers at large have had a good opportunity for replenishing supplies at comparatively moderate figures. China, one of the most extensive users of quicksilver, has absorbed unusually large quantities, and so have other mining and manufacturing countries during this interval of depression of six months' duration. At a greatly enhanced figure it is, therefore, more than likely that the demand may slacken for a while, till consumers have reduced their stocks, and till they are able to form a more correct judgment as to the probable supply in the future.

One of the peculiarities connected with quicksilver is its rapid evaporation above a very low temperature, if exposed; hence the amount lost every month in the process of reducing the precious metals would seem to the uninitiated to be fabulous. In Washoe, Virginia City, the great silver center of Nevada, it amounts to about 2000 flasks of 76 pounds per month, being four-fifths of the monthly production of the State of California. It is estimated that 10,000 flasks per month could find a ready sale on the West Coast of America. It is therefore of great interest to the consumers of quicksilver that at this juncture the Statton mines of California are to be taken in hand by a powerful English company. These mines are situated in San Benito and Merced counties, about 93 miles from San Francisco, being on the coast range, and in the same metalliferous belt as the famous New Almaden and New Idria mines, lying about midway between the two. These mines were commenced in 1872; the one averages 6 per cent. of mercury, and a 7 foot retort, running all last year, turned out about 45 flasks per month. It is now proposed to erect three 20 ton furnaces of improved construction, and assuming that the ore yield but 40 pounds to the ton, and estimating the cost of mining and reducing at 1/6 d, the profit would be nearly £60,000 per annum, or 40 per cent. upon the entire capital of the company; every 1 per cent. extra of metal in the ore would add about £50,000 to the net profits. The ore at Statton likewise contains antimony as gray ore and oxide, in conjunction with the cinnabar, which would yield a large profit, say £12 to £15 per ton, and from 300 to 400 tons per month could be placed. The production of Europe being limited and under the control of one powerful capitalist, the future of quicksilver, and, to some extent, of the prosperity of silver mining, therefore mainly depends on the capacity of California to indefinitely increase its output. Hence the interest which attaches to any new sources of yield in that State.

Blast Furnaces and Railroads in Great Britain and the United States

On another page we publish an account of an interview with Mr. A. W. Humphreys, shortly after his return from a visit to England. The interest of this interview to our readers lies in the comparisons which Mr. Humphreys draws between British and American practice in the construction and management of blast furnaces. We are glad to see that the opinions which Mr. Humphreys has formed from careful and intelligent observation, agree substantially with those we have from time to time expressed on the same subject. Allowing for differences attributable to climate and other natural conditions, he concludes that the best English practice in blast furnace construction and management is no better than the best American practice. In some minor details they may be ahead, in others we have equal advantage. He also thinks that Great Britain is rapidly declining from her position of industrial supremacy, and that there are no natural obstacles in the way of a successful competition with her—at least so far as regards the manufacture of iron for export.

Thus far we agree with Mr. Humphreys, but with his opinions respecting English railway practice, as compared with American, we are compelled to differ. On this subject he gives merely his impressions, and does not claim to have given the matter much attention; but as his impressions are clearly founded upon a misunderstanding of the relations of English to American railway practice, it is probable that, had he looked a little closer, he would have found that in railway management, as in iron making, we have not as much to learn from English engineers as might appear at first glance. Mr. Humphreys says:

As collaterally connected with iron, I should like to speak of the railway system of England, and of some points in regard to which Americans might perhaps learn something, but I merely mention one. I saw ore and coke arriving at furnaces on cars containing 9½ tons of material, while the cars themselves were marked as weighing less than 13,000 lbs.; on one road, less than 12,000 lbs. Our own 10 ton cars weigh frequently 18,000 lbs. The saving of dead weight by the English plan seems well worthy of careful study by our railroads.

The English coal and ore wagons mentioned by Mr. Humphreys are doubtless of the four wheeled pattern, and with their load weighed 32,000 lbs., or 8000 lbs. per wheel. To make a fair comparison with American practice, these coke wagons and our own coal cars should be placed side by side. We have four wheel coal cars weighing 6720 lbs. empty, loaded 20,160 lbs., giving a weight of only 5,040 lbs. per wheel. The load for these cars is commonly called 6 tons, but they carry just as much as can be got upon them. In the case we have named the load was 13,440 lbs. That is to say, the car weighs a little more than half as much as the English wagon, and carries two-thirds as much. An eight wheeled coal car weighs 13,440 lbs., carries 22,400 lbs., giving a total weight of 35,840 lbs., or only 4480 lbs. per wheel. The weight of this car, which is by no means an exceptional one, is only 440 lbs. more than that of the coke wagon, yet it carries 11 tons instead of 9½ tons, and has only 4480 lbs. on each wheel, while the English wagon had 8000. This point is a very essential one, as the wear and tear is greatly reduced by making the load per wheel as small as possible. In this case, to use a phrase sometimes heard among railroad men, "the car is light on the rails." The 10 ton freight car can hardly be classed with the English open wagons, inasmuch as the weight of roof and siding and frame is put against the weight of a tarpaulin. It would be impossible in this climate to send freight long distances protected by a tawny canvass only. The English climate is much less rigorous than our own, a fact illustrated by the thin walls of their furnaces and the pig beds in the open air, practices that could not be followed here. Even with our heavy box car, weighing often as much as 17,000 or 18,000 lbs., the weight per wheel does not often come above 4800 lbs., and sometimes is much less. Our platform cars are sometimes quite light, and would compare favorably with the light foreign rolling stock, if weight, tractive force per ton and load per wheel were all taken into consideration. These are facts evidently overlooked by Mr. Humphreys, and we call attention to them merely as showing that, had he viewed the railway system of England as intelligently as he did the iron works of that country, he would probably have found no more reason to be enthusiastic over the one than the other.

The American Institute Fair.

The paleozoic fossil which has come down us from the remote past labeled "The American Institute," is an antiquity which, for some reasons, we do not feel as proud of

as we might. We do not know that it has ever done much of anything except quarrel every year over the election of officers and hold an annual "fair." These fairs have seldom, if ever, risen to the dignity of industrial exhibitions, and comparing what we see at the Rink to-day with what we remember of the fairs visited by us in early infancy, we should say it was not intended they should. Why they are held at all is something of a mystery, but since they are opened to the public, they are proper subjects of mild and kindly criticism.

On entering the building the visitor receives an impression very similar to that he might be expected to feel on entering a great fancy store, with all the stock displayed to the best advantage; and as the sharp, and often annoying, solicitations of enterprising male and female clerks are not wanting, he is very apt to carry this impression away with him when he goes out again. That this is really the leading idea of the managers of the Institute is evident from a glance at the pamphlet showing the classification of exhibits. For example, we find such startling incongruities as a "Department of Fine Arts and Education," in which we have in the same group lithographs, engravings, architectural drawings, landscape gardening and mechanical and civil engineering. In another group we find account books, apparatus for instruction in science and art and kindergarten drawings. In another we find carpets, frescoes, oil cloths, encaustic tiles, and ornamental mason work. In the "Department of the Dwelling"—an absurd classification—we have such articles in groups as ornamental burglar proof safes and card trays. Safes which are not ornamental go somewhere else. We also see sashes and blinds, water closets, zinc cornices and croquet awnings forming part of a group with door bells, nails, grates, stair frames and mantle pieces. In other groups we have billiard tables and wax flowers; bird cages and embroidery; hair work and back gammon boards; aquaria and croquet work; cigars and skates; toys and bracelets; beeswax, benzine and perfumery; baking powders and disinfectants; stuffed birds and preserved wood; India rubber and earthenware milk pans; yarn, crayons and mullage; type metal, iron ores, photographic cameras and safety oil cans; looms and printing presses; chains and paint mills; hearses, gunpowder and school furniture; steam fire engines and gas works; burglar alarms and mail bags; harness, road rollers and highway bridges. The absurdity of such a classification is obvious. It is simply impossible to find in the organization of the American Institute, or any other body, men who can intelligently act as judges to determine the relative or comparative merits of articles so widely different. An expert in benzine could not reasonably be expected to have a cultivated nose for perfume, nor an infallible judgment respecting beeswax; we would not expect one competent to decide upon the merits of billiard tables to be a good judge of wax flowers; while those who know most about school furniture, are not supposed to possess a very intimate acquaintance with gun powder, nor to be anything more than amateurs in hearses. Out of this absurd system has grown the wide-spread dissatisfaction with the decisions of the judges and the awards of the managers of the Institute. Such a classification, which might be well enough for a great show, or bazaar, renders it impossible for the Institute to render any intelligent encouragement to art, science or industry. We do not wish to be unduly critical nor unjustly censorious; but it is an unpleasant fact that our annual and only exhibition is conspicuously unworthy of our city. Until we have a better system of classification and grouping, a fairer method of judging and awarding premiums, and less cheap, noisy annoying, catch-penny clap-trap about our American Institute fairs, we cannot wonder that so many of our manufacturers, inventors, artists, importers and others decline to become exhibitors.

The Esthetics of a Stove.

As the season draws near when, in this climate at least, the stove comes to be regarded as our best friend, and this most necessary article of furniture is reclaimed from the banishment in cellar or garret to which it was ignominiously consigned when the flowers began to bloom last spring, it is natural that the genial warmth which dispels the chill of these autumn evenings should suggest comfortable and philosophical reflections. Even when we rely most upon its cheerful companionship, we are apt to look upon our stove as a necessary evil—a black nuisance, always in the way, and only tolerated because of its indispensable utility. True, when we are called upon to set up the stove, clean the pipe, and make things work as they should, it becomes "a monster of such hideous

"mien that, to be hated, needs but to be seen;" but when the jolly fire begins to roar up the pipe and make things pleasant for the sleepy flies in the cracks of the mantle piece and the vivacious swallows in the chimney, we put some tallow on our bleeding knuckles and are happy once more. Then how we pity our forefathers, who had to carry in back logs and fore sticks and miscellaneous fire wood, while we, more favored mortals, have fulfilled our duty when we have run the gauntlet of the cobwebs in the cellar and brought up a hod of coal. And then, when darkness falls and the fire becomes a comfort, we realize, as we think of the three or four months to come, how important an influence in promoting civilization is the thing which Mr. Dickens was once pleased to speak of as "the red hot, smoking, scorching devil of a stove."

These somewhat unusual reflections are suggested, not so much by the fact that the cool weather of the past few days has rendered a fire in our editorial stove an indispensable prerequisite of comfort, as by a circular lately sent us by a friend in the stove business. Beside setting forth the innumerable advantages, positive, comparative and superlative, of a new heating stove, it considers the stove from a purely æsthetic standpoint. We quote as follows:

Without a stove what would your family circle be? To it you owe all those delightful things that, in our climate, make home happy. The evening talk, the comfortably enjoyed newspaper, the novel, the quiet evening counting, common school education itself; in fact, all business and pleasure to be found in doors during the winter months must be abandoned when we give up the stove. Who could enjoy the family paper in a room at zero or below? How could one keep a family quiet with books if no glowing stove kept a tropical climate within the house? One may hunt the world over for a high type of civilization, but it will be found only in those countries where the stove maintains, during the winter months, a climate which sets at naught the bluster of the storm, and gives the half frozen traveler the cheering rays of heat from a glowing fire pot. Scenic old age, which lives only in the memory of the dead past, may recall with a sigh the open fire places and wood fires of the last century, but the next generation will look back to our well lighted parlors, made comfortable by the friendly stove, and bless those giant minds to whose investigations and inventions we are indebted for the stove. Without it, for six months in the year, civilization would cease and we should be reduced to the position of savages, striving to keep warm by means of blankets, retreating to snug corners and spending the greater portion of our time in bed. We should be in the same condition as the Esquimaux, who, when he enters his hut, disrobes himself, and in a state of nature, huddles with his family in the single bed, depending largely on the animal warmth of the inmates to keep the quivering spark of vitality from going out in eternal darkness.

The stove is the last and greatest, because most beneficial, of the creations of industry quickened by the inspiring touch of science. It moves the world. The steamship derives its power from one form of stove, the locomotive from another; but neither of these rank higher in the scale of utility than the stove, the perfected heating stove which we show in the accompanying illustration.

Place it in your parlor or your sitting-room, and it will be from that time to the position of that dearest spot on earth, HOME. Good influences will be strong about it; good manners be cultivated around it; good fellowship be promoted by it; and years hence your children will remember it as the one beautiful center from which radiated the insoluble ties which bound together the family and social circle that made their infant years blessed.

We are sorry to detract from the effect of this beautiful apostrophe by our own more practical thoughts and reflections; but in all seriousness, it must be confessed that the stove has been, and still is, a mighty agent in promoting civilization. The progress of the past fifty years in the art of stove founding, has placed this prime requisite of home comfort within the means even of the very poor, and it has rendered possible the economical utilization of the coal resources of the country, without which we should long ago have suffered seriously from want of fuel, and have been driven to the expedients adopted in other countries less generously provided for by nature which, while they give heat enough to avert suffering, insure very little of that comfort which makes the long winter evenings delightful and profitable in a majority of virtuous American homes. Were it possible to estimate the moral and monetary value of the knowledge gained during winter evenings passed in homes made comfortable by stoves, and which could not well be made comfortable in any other way, it would be found something immense. This knowledge finds daily application in all the industries and occupations of life, it raises the standard of public intelligence, it promotes the growth of virtue and surrounds the rising generation with refining and inspiring influences. In other words, the writer of the circular from which we quote above, is fully justified in regarding the stove from an æsthetic standpoint, and it is doubtful if we shall ever realize, unless retrospectively, to what extent the art of stove founding has contributed to the success of the experiment of free government and to the permanence of the institutions which are its best fruits. No doubt a high civilization is possible without stoves, but when we take into account all the conditions, especially those of climate, which prevail in this country, we realize that the stove is a very important factor in the problem of progress.

What An American Iron Master Saw in England.

The *Tribune* prints the following summary of an interview with Mr. A. W. Humphrey, treasurer of the Stirling Iron and Railway Co. As we are assured by Mr. Humphrey that this is substantially what he said, we print the report in full:

VARIOUS USES OF IRON IN ENGLAND.

Perhaps the first thing interesting to an iron man visiting England is the much more universal use of iron there than in America. From the time he lands at Liverpool, where a recently burned landing stage or pier is rebuilding with iron, he sees it in comparatively common use for many purposes where Americans would employ wood. In many cases the platforms around railway stations are covered with thin blocks of cast iron. It was said in England that even if timber were as cheap as in most of the Eastern States in this country, iron would be in the end the cheaper and better material for any permanent structure in all those parts where stone or brick could not be used.

The varieties of ore in use in England do not vary very much from our own in kind, but the English have very little rich ore of any variety. Their magnite is inferior in quality and extent to the fine and rich deposits of this ore with which we are familiar in New York, New Jersey and Michigan, and which American iron masters deem almost a necessity for prosperous work. But they have in their Cumberland and Lancashire red hematites perhaps a full compensation, as these are easily smelted, make an excellent iron, and do not wear the furnace badly. On an average the ores used throughout England will not yield probably more than 38 or 40 per cent. of iron. Considerable Spanish ore is used, especially for making iron suitable for conversion into Bessemer steel, and lately it has been taken to Scotland. At some furnaces Irish ore is used as a mixture with local ores, but, on the whole, it is not well spoken of. Coke is the almost universal fuel for smelting iron, and the Durham coke is a wonderfully good fuel, perhaps even better than the Connellsville coke in this country. Anthracite is used scarcely at all, the only deposit in Great Britain being, I believe, a small one in Wales, and this of an inferior kind, crumbling badly as soon as heated. About 2½ tons of raw coal, or 28 or 30 cwt. of coke, compose probably about the average quantity of fuel required to make a ton of pig iron, although considerably less has been done the work, as at some of our own furnaces with 21 cwt. of anthracite a ton of iron has been made.

The flux in England, as a rule, is cheap and good; cheap, because it is near the furnace, and hence requires little transportation; and also because it is nearly pure carbonate of lime in good form.

WORKING OF ENGLISH FURNACES.

In the construction of furnaces, there is little, on the whole, varying from the best practice in America. The English furnaces require less raw material, perhaps, than the American, and they have thin walls and dispense with casting houses—the pig beds being in the open air—and also without any covering for the boilers, in most cases. The English heating ovens, as well as boilers, are generally, if not universally, on the ground—I do not remember seeing any exceptions—thus saving masonry necessary to elevate the ovens, as is so generally done in this country. As a rule the furnaces and their necessary appurtenances in England are better planned in their general arrangement than those in the United States, but not better than the most recently constructed works here. At the older furnaces the heating ovens are similar to many of the American—a combustion chamber of fire brick, with cast iron pipes above. But the Whitwell ovens seem to be most in favor at the newly constructed works, as giving a high temperature to the blast very steadily. To heat the blast to 1000° seems to be the general aim; as a matter of fact, about 800° seems to be attained. The blowing engines are generally of the vertical, walking beam, low pressure type, and work economically and well; low pressure engines, for all work, seem to be more common across the Atlantic than here. The raw materials seem to be carefully prepared, and pretty well mixed before being charged.

It seemed to me that the English furnace labor, generally, was rather more efficient than ours, and in some cases, markedly so; at some furnaces an average "output" of two tons of iron per man employed was attained. The furnace proprietors seem very sure that their men are fully as well off as those in America, but this hardly seemed to me to be true, from what the men told me. Of course there is a large part of the men everywhere who never saved anything, but taking the iron workers and colliers as a class, in England, those who wish to save seem unable to do so, and thus, in many cases, where the whole family work hard, father, mother and children, all the time; while, aside from the question of money alone, they are apparently conscious of a want of consideration toward them as human beings, and the children grow up lamentably ignorant, except of vice and immorality. The wages of the iron making laborers, on the whole, I was told, are about 20 per cent. higher than before 1870, notwithstanding the reductions that have taken place since 1873.

BRITISH SUPREMACY DECLINING.

Englishmen scent the idea that we can ever supply them with iron, and some say that whenever business revives, and we really want iron in large quantities, we shall be compelled to take it again freely from them, while others admit that the United States is, as a customer, lost to them, and may, indeed, supply some of their customers and colonies. Time will only discover the truth. The fact would seem to be

that England has reached her limit as a producer of cheap iron, as, irrespective of the wages question, she cannot supply herself with cheap, good ore, and coal grows gradually dearer from its lying deeper; while it is estimated that two shillings per ton are added to the cost of coal by the operation of the Mines Regulations act, which was found necessary for the protection of life as the collieries are now worked and must be worked in the future. It was pointed out some years ago by a competent authority here that the supremacy, perhaps the existence, of the English iron trade depended on the continued employment of children, perhaps of women, in many places where Americans never think of so employing them. The government has passed acts restricting the employment of children, and already complaints are beginning to be made that unless these acts are modified, if not repealed, England cannot command sufficient labor cheaply enough to sustain herself in competition with other nations. The superiority England has had over the United States has been in the proximity of her coal and ores and her cheap and abundant labor. These advantages are certainly relatively disappearing.

The complaint of dullness, depression and apprehension is everywhere prevalent in England. About one-third, perhaps more, of the furnaces are out of blast; in some localities fully one-half are out. Yet stocks of iron accumulate, and at those points where returns are made regularly enough to give a just idea of the quantities on hand, nearly twice as much is stocked as at the beginning of the year, and the concessions in price, amounting to about 33 per cent., seem to have no effect in stimulating business. Even Bessemer steel, which was the last to feel the depression, is now in very slack demand. This, perhaps, is due partly to the objections some engineers are making to the employment of any steel in large masses, there being strong indications of a desire, by the best English engineers, to go back to good iron for heavy work.

Our tariff seems to trouble all English iron men very much; not that they "care anything about it personally," but they all seem to agree that they "very much dislike to see so fine a country as the States suffer under such a barbarous system;" and it is impossible to talk long with any Englishman without having this generous solicitude expressed very freely and urgently.

As collaterally connected with iron, I should like to speak of the railway system of England, and of some points in regard to which Americans might perhaps learn something, but will merely mention one. I saw ore and coke arriving at furnaces on cars containing 9½ tons of material, while the cars themselves were marked as weighing less than 13,000 pounds; on one road, less than 12,000 pounds. Our own 10 tons cars weigh frequently 18,000 pounds. The saving of dead weight by the English plan seems well worthy of careful study by our railroads.

Testing Water Pipes and Mains.*

BY ERNST BILHUBER, M. E.

Cast iron pipes are those most in favor for supplying water to cities, and their durability and utility depends upon the care exercised in their manufacture. The testing of them is of great consequence to the public, and is a subject of considerable interest. Water pipes have not only to stand the pressure of the water but sometimes powerful concussions by suddenly stopping the flow.

They are submitted to a proof of a hydraulic pressure of 300 lbs. per square inch, for which purpose they are (after being cleansed from sand and dust) first brought between the jaws of a horizontal press. This press consists of two plates connected by wrought iron bars which form the frame. One of the plates forms the resistance head or abutment, the other has a hole in the center with a female screw thread for the reception of the screw shank, by which the plate is moved back and forth. The face of the plate as well as the resistance head is lined with a layer of wood to serve as a tight packing on both ends of the pipe, which are brought into the press in a horizontal position. Rubber washers may be used for the same purpose, and are commonly employed for smaller pipes, but wood against the end grain answers perfectly well.

When the pipe is thus secured in the press water is pumped in through the resisting head. A smaller pipe is also provided to let off the air from the inside of the pipes. The cock of said air pipe is closed as soon as the pipe is full of water; the pumping by a pressure pump is continued until the gauge shows the required pressure. After this the pipe ought to be struck all over with a hammer to ascertain its power of resistance against concussions caused by hydraulic shocks.

If the pipe is faultless it should not allow the smallest quantity of water to sweat out, nevertheless this is very likely to take place especially at the end of the pipe opposite the bell, where the iron is more porous than in the other parts, because the pipes being cast vertically with bell or hub end downward, all the lighter particles as slags, &c., accumulate on top. The weight of the metal itself compresses the lower parts of the casting, and consequently the same are denser than the upper parts. To equalize these difficulties in casting the so-called gates are enlarged to receive a surplus of metal where most of the lighter particles accumulate.

If the sand should not be dry throughout, gases arise which form blow holes in the casting. When these holes are at the inner or outer surface metal may afterward be run into them and so filling them.

Pipes sweating slightly at a high pressure may be made tight and fit for use by laying them aside for some days, whereby the porous

places get tight by oxidation. A supplementary trial by hydraulic pressure will then be necessary.

To control the thickness of the metal of the pipe the same is weighed, and should show the normal weight. It is much safer, however, to measure the thickness at different parts with instruments made for this purpose.

Before being laid in the ground the pipes should be coated inside and outside with tar or coal pitch varnish to preserve them from rusting. To cause the tar to penetrate well, the pipes by means of a crane are immersed in a tank containing the boiling tar, and left in the bath until the metal has taken the same temperature as the bath. The coating must be tenacious when cold, and not brittle or disposed to scale off. If a tank of the required dimensions should be inconvenient the pipes ought to be heated by steam or other means while painting them. But the immersion of the pipes in the boiling fluid is by far the best manner of protecting them against rust, and pipes for a healthy water supply should never be laid in the ground without being coated in the manner above described. In transporting the pipes care should be taken that they do not touch each other, so as to prevent breaking. A second testing may be had before laying the pipes, so as to insure a perfect conduit.

Iron and Copper Shipments from Lake Superior.

The *Marquette Mining Journal* publishes the following statistics of the shipment of iron and copper from the Lake Superior region, from the opening of navigation to September 29, ult.:

IRON ORE.			
Mine.	Tons.	Mine.	Tons.
Cleveland.....	92,571	Rolling Mill.....	9,417
Lake Superior.....	70,488	McDonough.....	4,735
Champion.....	41,159	Edwards.....	4,008
Washington.....	9,641	Pittsburgh and d.....	
Republic.....	100,963	Lake Angeline.....	2,820
Keystone.....	536		
Koniam.....	7,355	Total.....	379,287
New York.....	28,000		

PIG IRON.			
Rancroft Furnace.....	3,948	Morgan Furnace.....	4,795
Carp Furnace.....	3,905	Marquette and Pacific Rolling Mill (muck bar).....	140
Pioneer.....	8,375		
Michigan Iron Co.....	2,935	Total.....	21,169

ESCANABA.

The following table shows the shipments of iron ore and pig iron from the port of Escanaba for the season, up to and including Wednesday, September 29, 1875:

Mine.	Tons.	Mine.	Tons.
Jackson.....	43,531	Saginaw.....	44,536
New York.....	23,904	Superior.....	8,474
Cleveland.....	2,140	South Side Jackson.....	2,299
Angeline.....	20,783	Angeline, soft.....	1,609
Barren.....	29,097	Salisbury.....	2,451
Foster.....	662	Winthrop.....	1,632
Rolling Mill.....	7,827	Goodrich.....	1,718
Excelsior.....	2,160		
Champion.....	301	Total.....	194,851
Iron Mountain.....	1,102		

PIG IRON.			
Pioneer.....			9,130
Deer Lake.....			3,350
Iron Cliffs.....			200
Total.....			12,680

L'ANSE.

The following shows the amount, in gross tons, of ore shipments from the port of L'Anse for this season, up to Wednesday, Sept. 29:

Mine.	Tons.
Sparr Mountain.....	20,987
Michigan.....	33,328
Keystone.....	704
Total.....	54,969

GRAND ISLAND.

The following are the shipments, in gross tons, from the Grand Island furnaces this season up to September 29, 1875:

Bay Furnace.....	6,322
Munising Furnace.....	3,686
Total.....	10,008

THE DISTRICT.

The following table will show the total shipments, in gross tons, from the Lake Superior iron district for the season of 1875, up to September 29, and those for a corresponding period last year:

IRON ORE.			
From Marquette.....	1874.	1875.	
From Escanaba.....	365,637	379,287	
From L'Anse.....	218,466	194,851	
From Grand Island.....	72,183	54,969	
Total.....	656,286	629,137	

PIG IRON.

From Marquette.....	19,604	34,169
From Escanaba.....	10,313	12,680
From Grand Island.....	8,698	10,008
Total.....	38,615	46,857

COPPER.

The following shows the gross shipments of copper from Portage Lake since the opening of navigation:

REFINED COPPER.			
	Tons.	Lbs.	
Calumet and Hecla.....	8,874	58	
Assecla.....	335	1,174	
Atlantic.....	148	1,567	
Allouez.....	122	1,363	
Franklin.....	196	979	
Pewabic.....	97	422	
Ile Royale.....	28	560	
Central.....	23	1,058	
R. Uren.....	6		
Houghton.....	8	1,848	
S. & D. T. Co.....	2	228	
Houghton Tribute Co.....	8	438	
Total.....	9,999	329	

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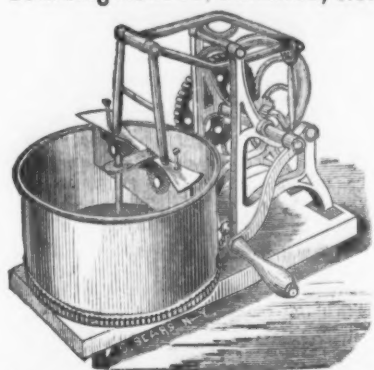
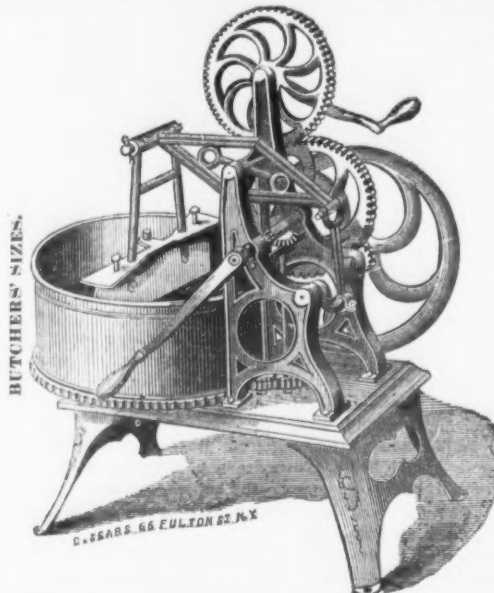
Quincy.....	1,430	123
Atlantic.....	491	1,815
Quincy Tribute Co.....	6	1,285

—*Northwestern Journal.*

Use of Rail Ends in Blast Furnaces.

Heyrowsky says that there are different methods for using rail ends in the Bessemer process, and that it is acknowledged that 20 to 25 per cent. can be introduced into the Bessemer retort without any objection. Another use has lately been tried with success at the Zeltweg blast furnace, and as Zeltweg possesses a large balance of rail ends this work is very important. The production of the furnace heretofore has been 4600 cwt. of gray Bessemer pig per week; now it is 5400 cwt. This difference of 800 cwt. corresponds exactly to the quantity of rail ends used. In like manner, instead of rail ends, gray and even white cast iron could be used without diminishing the economical results.

*A paper read before the New York Society of Practical Engineering.

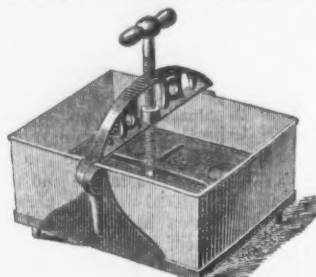
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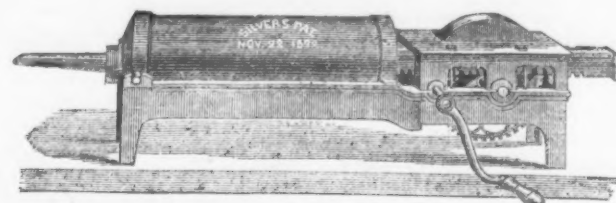
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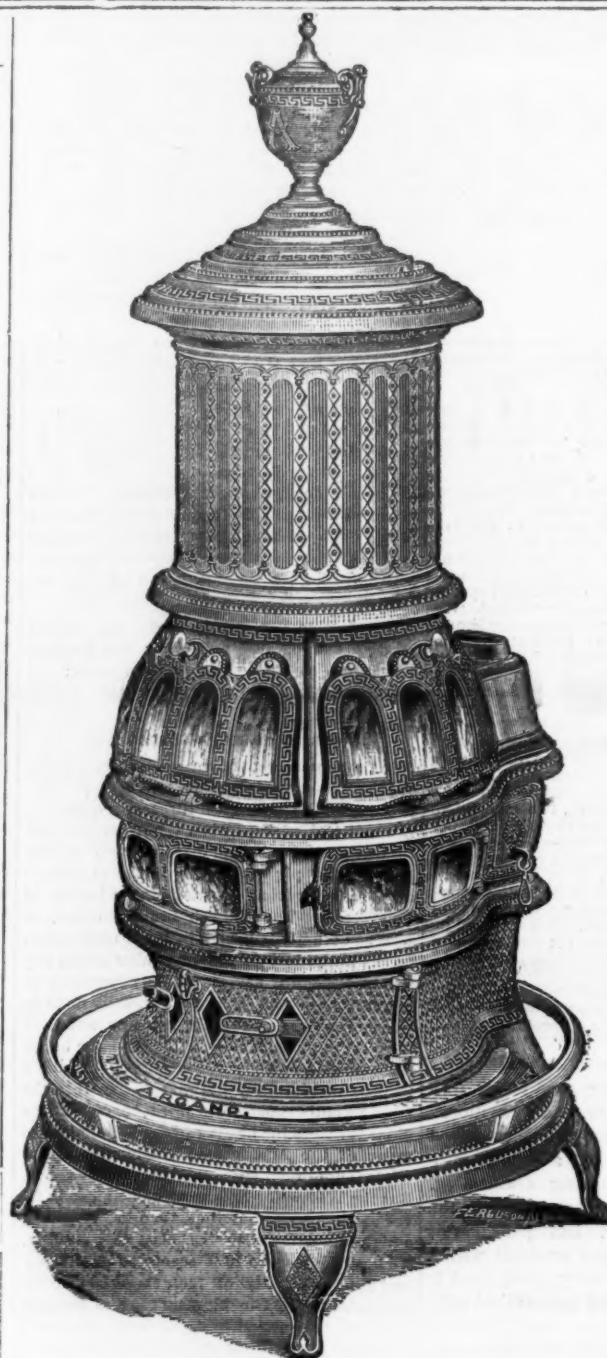
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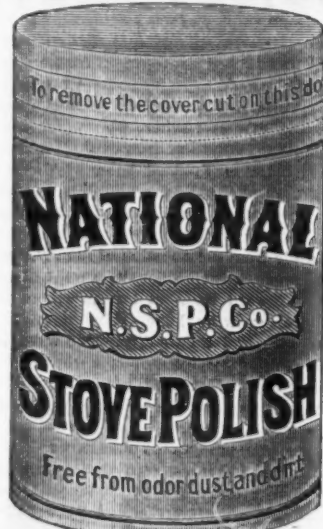
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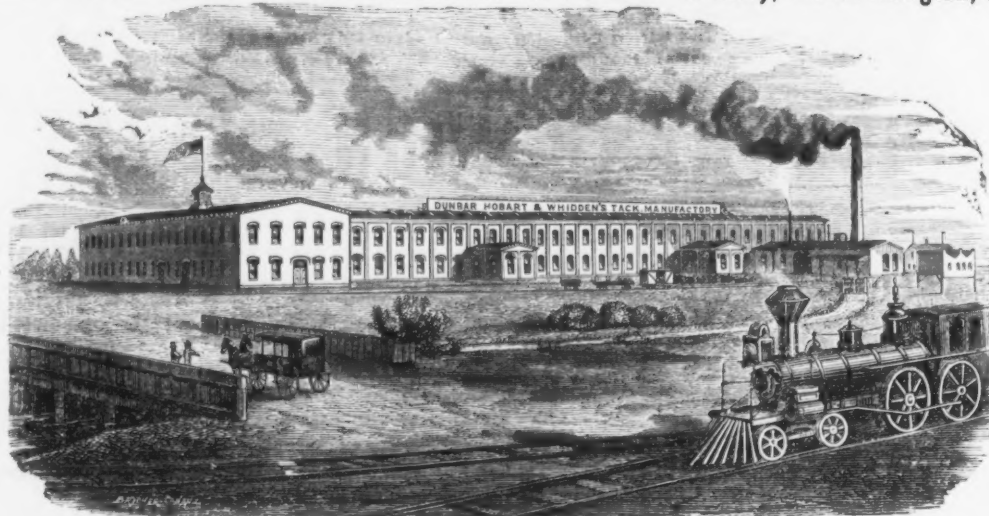
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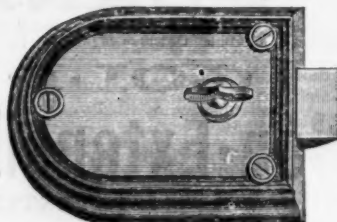
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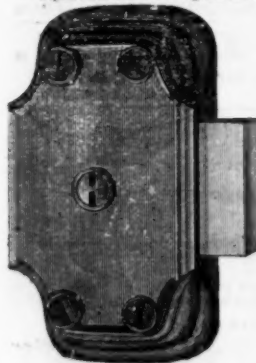
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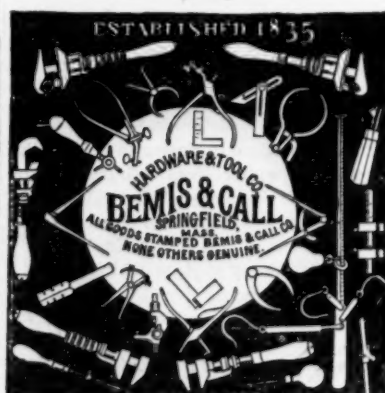


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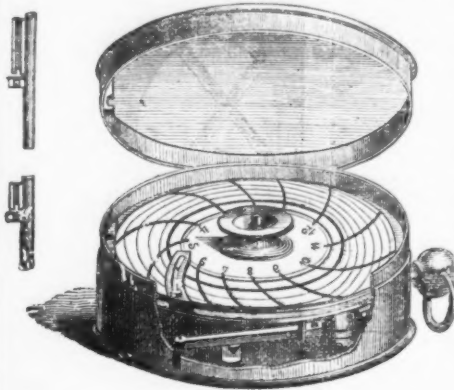
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a period of from 10 to 12 hours? For after all they are but human, and even if honest, and not disposed to shirk their duties, may succumb to fatigue and sleep, unless stimulated by the consciousness that their movements are observed and recorded with unerring certainty and precision. Answer: The Time Detector. On account of the importance of this little instrument, it has been, of late years, the subject of many improvements, all tending to make it as simple and effective as possible, and we invite the attention of our readers to a brief description of the latest of these, as offered by Messrs. Imhaeuser & Co., of this city.

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These keys are fastened within or outside of the buildings, on the beat of the watchman, while the latter, before entering upon his duties in the evening, receives the watch, which is provided with a fresh paper dial, wound up and locked. He makes his rounds, and visits the different stations, according to the instructions received from his employer. In making his rounds and arriving at a station, the watchman inserts the key into the key hole on the side of the watch, and, while doing this, a hole or a figure will be pricked in the dial of the watch at exactly the minute the hand on the watch shows the time. On delivering the watch in the morning to the person in charge, the latter, on opening the same, can see at a glance how often and when the rounds have been made during the night; whether every station has been visited or any neglected at each round, and what space of time elapsed between the different visits, etc.—In short, it tells the history of the night's doings: of the vigilance or carelessness of the watchman.

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Crompton's Revolving Furnace.

We have from time to time laid before our readers statements of the good results obtained by Mr. Crompton with his revolving puddling furnace, combined with the use of powdered fuel. Prolonged experience has shown that all kinds of iron can be puddled by it, and that with the water cooling apparatus adopted, all the mechanical difficulties anticipated have been entirely overcome, and, after long continued working, it is proved that the furnace itself withstands the excessive heat and costs but little for repairs.

In addition, however, to the mechanical details of the system, the method of heating by the use of powdered fuel is an important feature, as it has been shown that puddling and all other operations requiring great heat can be performed with it entirely without oxidation. Oxidation is not only prevented by the control possessed over the air and the carbon, but another source of oxidation, inherent in all other furnaces, is avoided, viz., that resulting from the decomposition of the water contained in the coal and air, the oxygen of which oxidizes the iron. Mr. Crompton employing extremely fine particles of carbon mixed with the flame, the oxygen of the water, in becoming decomposed,

is converted into carbonic acid or carbonic oxide, leaving a neutral flame.

There is little doubt that puddled steel can be made in the Crompton furnace with great economy and regularity, and that the system offers advantages for the production of wrought iron direct from the ores. Many of the leading iron masters in this country have themselves superintended the puddling in Mr. Crompton's furnace of their own pig into wrought iron, and have watched with interest the working of the mechanical details, while foreign engineers have visited England to investigate the system with the result of introducing it in their own establishments; furnaces are now being erected in France, Belgium and Austria, and arrangements are in course of completion for their construction in America, Russia, Sweden, Spain and Italy.

The Indian government has recently requested Mr. Crompton to test the iron and coal sent from India, and there is no doubt of their being adapted for mechanical puddling, judging from the good results obtained from the iron supplied by a private firm. It is an interesting fact, which we have already pointed out, that hematite, as well as pig iron in large quantities from Sweden, Derbyshire, Staffordshire, Northamptonshire, Cleveland, and also from the Low Moor district, have been treated in the furnace, and that all of them have produced wrought iron of superior qualities from which steel could be made, the iron produced from the best Swedish pig not being superior to that made from the common Cleveland pig in the Crompton furnace, while the cast steel made from the Cleveland metal has proved itself to be equal to 14th-class steel made from Swedish wrought iron. According to the latest results obtained from Cleveland pig treated in the Crompton furnace, an average of 99.207 percent of metallic iron was obtained, there being .517 percent of carbon. From another

series of analyses, the impurities remaining in the iron were:

Silicon.....	.189
Phosphorus.....	.106
Sulphur.....	.079

Total..... .461 per cent.
These remarkable figures require no comment.

All these results, which go beyond the range of experiments, have been carried out in the daily working of the furnace, in charges of 7 cwt. to 10 cwt. each, solid blooms of 1 ton weight being occasionally made. The question of manipulating large as well as small pieces has also been satisfactorily solved, blooms of 10 cwt. or 12 cwt. being cut up at the same heat into pieces weighing 1 cwt. each, beside which homogeneous plates of 10 cwt. made from cast iron containing 3/4 per cent. of phosphorus have been made for the Admiralty, and proved by them to be equal to the best English brands. Armor bolts and solid homogeneous masses for forgings are also being made for the government.

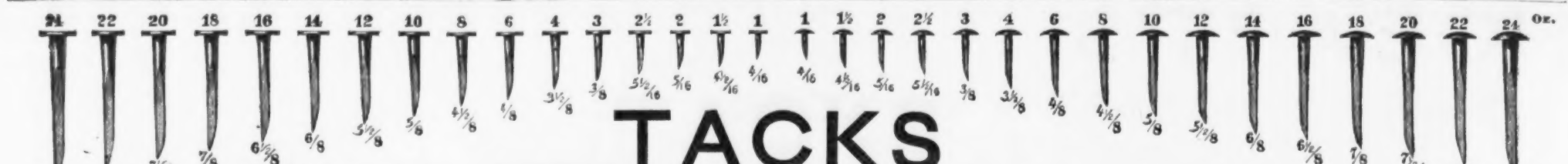
The furnaces at the Carlton Iron Works, altered from the Danks to the Crompton system, although not complete in all their details, are working satisfactorily with inferior irons, and those nearly completed at Messrs. Fox, Head & Co.'s, comprising, as they do, all Mr. Crompton's improvements, will certainly give results at least as good.

At the works of Dr. Strousberg, near Prague, arrangements are now being made on a very comprehensive scale, and this, when completed in January next, will form one of the largest puddling establishments in Europe. The main building, which is already finished, is in one span 92 ft. wide, about 200 ft. long and 24 feet high to the tie beams; it will contain 16 revolving puddling furnaces, placed in two rows; these will produce 1200 tons per week. They will be supplied with melted metal from four cupolas placed at one end close to the main railway, supplying the works with material, at which end also the coal will be ground. Six 8 ton hammers and the reheating furnaces will be placed at the other end of the building, and a narrow gauge railway system will be laid to connect the cupolas with all the furnaces and steam hammers. Four 3-ton locomotives, to each of which is attached a crane, will convey the melted metal to the furnaces as well as the blooms to the hammers, so that the use of trolleys will be avoided, and the fetting, as well as the cinder from the furnaces, will also be moved with these little engines. No cranes are attached to the furnaces themselves, and there will be no cast iron floor plates employed, as all material will be carried on the fixed rails. The whole system is arranged to work on ton charges, or even more if required, and two men will be able to manage each furnace without assistance either for charging or discharging.

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Arrangements are now being made for carrying out the plan proposed by Mr. Crompton in 1873, for making cast steel in his revolving furnace. Experiments made some time since with a fixed bath showed that the necessary temperature could be obtained by the use of the powdered fuel, and his puddling furnace, as it now stands, can be changed into a steel melting furnace by lining it with sand.

Mr. Crompton has quickly and perseveringly brought his system to its present stage of perfection, and now the doubts which at one period were expressed as to the probability of constructing a mechanical puddling machine adapted for use in ordinary iron works, and worked by unskilled men, have been removed. It is quite certain that no system of mechanical puddling that requires careful watching and skilled management, can permanently succeed, however good experimental results may be. Mr. Crompton has, we think, clearly shown that his system is free from these fatal defects. —Engineering.



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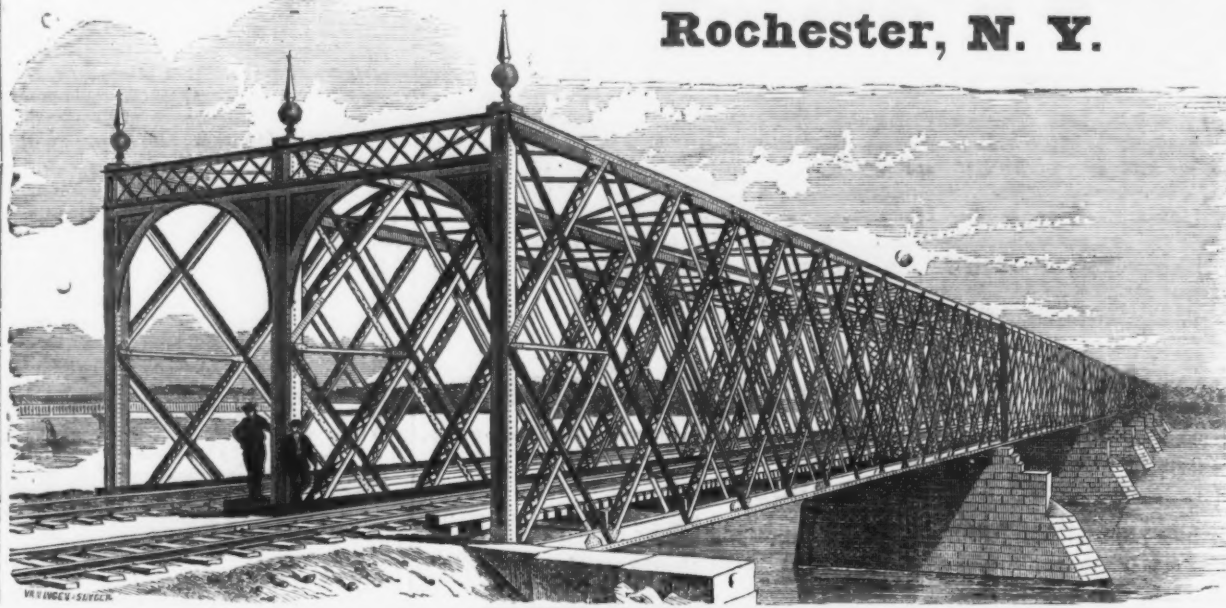
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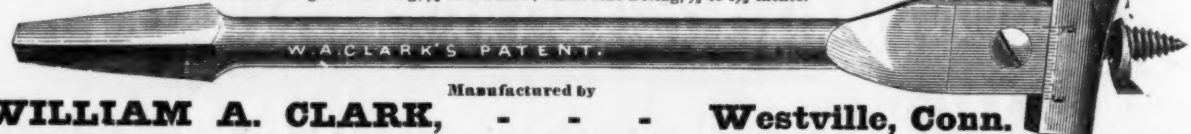
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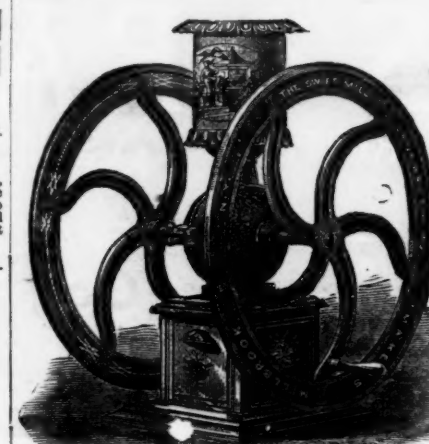
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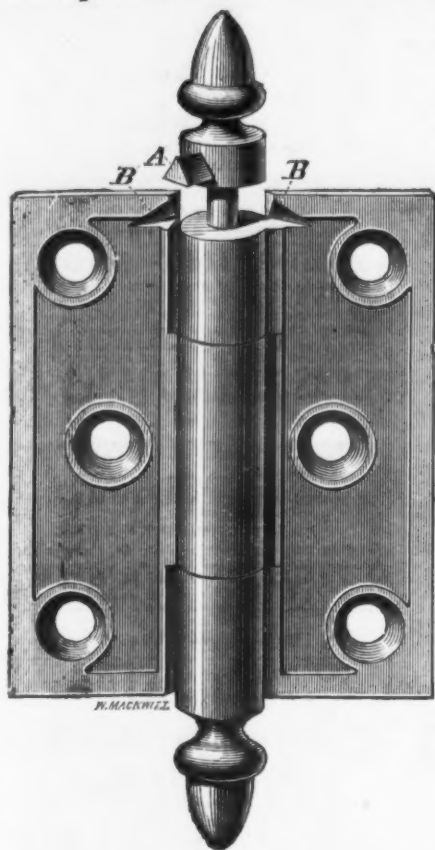


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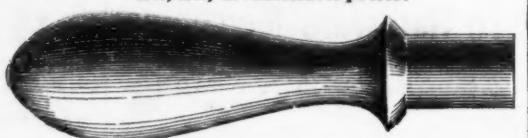
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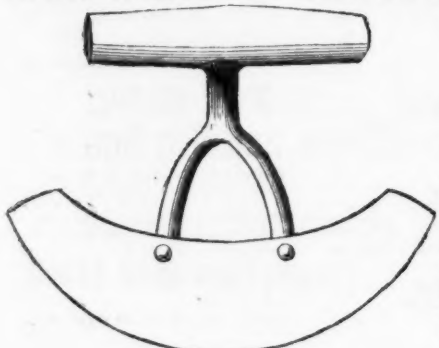
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In casting steel ingots, the molds used are exposed to what are probably more sudden and more violent alterations of temperature than those to which articles of cast iron are subjected in any other operation in the arts. When an ingot mold is filled with liquid steel, the inside surface becomes at once strongly heated, though it is protected, as far as possible, from the direct action of the metal, by a wash of plumbago, or clay, or lime; and the heat gradually penetrates the substance of the mold until, in a few minutes, the inner half, or more, of its thickness is red hot, while the outside is still comparatively cool. The effect of this is, that the metal becomes intensely strained by unequal expansion, the inner part being in a state of compression and the outside in tension; and if the mold is not free from flaws, and made of a soft graphitic quality of cast iron, it cracks. In fact, in spite of every care taken in the selection of suitable material and in the processes of manufacture, by far the larger proportion of the rail ingot molds must give way by cracking, rather than by direct wear, after having stood a smaller or greater number of casts. As the expense of molds is far from being an unimportant item in the cost of making steel rails, an attempt to point out some of the causes of their rapid failure, and to indicate by what alterations in their design they may be made to last better, may be of some interest to the members of this Institute.

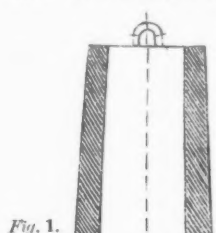


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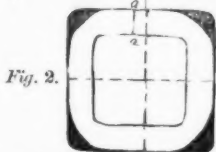


Fig. 2.

Rail ingot molds are now always made square or rectangular in section, with the corners only slightly bevelled or rounded, in order that, in drawing the ingot down into a bloom, as much work may be put upon the corners as on the rest of the mass, or, in other words, that they may be equally compressed; whereas, in cogging or hammering down cylindrical or rather slightly conical ingots, such as were tried in the early days of steel rail making (with the idea that circular ingot molds would stand better than square molds), the corners of the bloom produced are but little compressed, if indeed the hammer touches them at all; and unless the metal is very sound, and free from red-shortness, they are apt to tear across here and there, causing flaws, that show as cracks in the finished rail, or that have to be chipped out. The molds commonly used are either cast in one piece (Figs. 1 to 6), in the form of a frustum of an elongated hollow pyramid, open at both ends, and slightly smaller at the top than at the bottom, or they are made in two parts, bolted or clamped together (Figs. 7 and 8).

A somewhat old-fashioned mold of the former class is shown by Figs. 1 and 2. When such a mold cracks in use, the crack is invariably in the middle of one of the flat sides (a a in the drawings), starting from the bottom and running vertically upward. The reason of this is, that the middle of each side, as shown by the plan Fig. 2, is the part which is most strongly

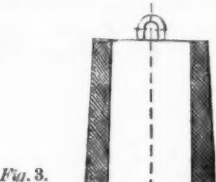


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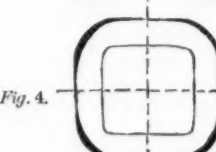


Fig. 4.

heated by the ingot inside as toward the corners there is less bulk of hot metal, and more cooling surface to carry off its heat; and yet this is just the part where the thickness is least; so that when the ingot has stood in the mold for five or ten minutes, and the latter has become heated through, the middle of each face is red hot while the corners remain black. Thus while the sides are expanded and weakened by heat, the corners, particularly toward the outside, are nearly cool, and refuse to yield to the expansion; so that the mold is subjected to great strain, tending to make the corners curl outward, away from each other, and to crack or tear it open toward the middle of one or more of the sides; and such a mold, as already

mentioned, always does crack, in just this way, after a very small number of casts.

A modern Sheffield mold is shown by Figs. 3 and 4. In this the thickness of the metal is equal all round; and the alteration, as tending to make the molds last longer, and to render them less liable to crack, has been a marked improvement; but it has not been carried far enough. When a mold of this shape has been

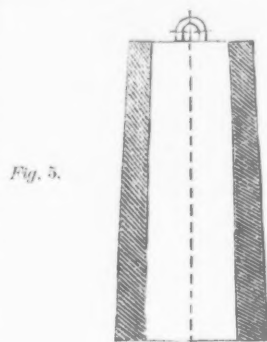


Fig. 5.



Fig. 6.

come heated through, by a hot ingot within it, the middle of each side is still hotter than the corners, though less markedly so than the mold first described. Thus the corners, even in this mold, are less expanded by the heat of the ingot than the sides, so that their tendency is still to curl outward, and, when the mold cracks, it cracks most frequently up the middle of one side. In the form of ingot mold adopted by the writer, the object in view was so to adjust the thickness, at different parts of the circumference, that the expansion of the metal, when heated, should be equal all round. Such a mold is shown by Figs. 5 and 6, and one proof that its form is nearly correct is that, when it becomes heated to redness by an ingot of steel cast in it, the temperature of the outside, in so far as this can be judged of by the eye, is equal all round. There is thus no tendency for the corners any more than for the sides to curl outward; and when the mold does crack—for the much more rapid heating of the inside than of the outside in any case puts a great strain on it—the crack is either irregular in its direction, or it occurs as often in the corner as in the side. Indeed, the place in which the molds are found most frequently to crack, is even a better guide than the uniform red heat acquired by the outside, in adjusting correctly, in the case of each pattern, the relative thickness of metal in the corners and in the sides.

In practice, molds designed on this principle have given very satisfactory results. The writer has only had experience of them as made of

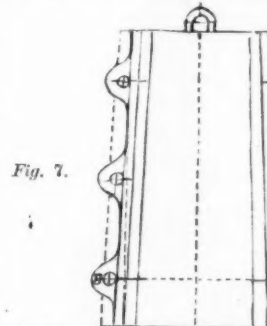


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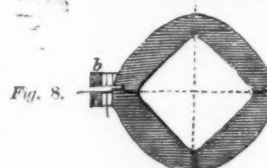


Fig. 8.

good No. 1 pig, it is true, but by molders not specially trained to the work; and they were thus very inferior in finish and smoothness to those turned out by first-class Sheffield firms. While, however, good Sheffield molds, from one of the best makers, stood with great regularity, an average of 70 casts each, in casting ingots of Siemens steel of 10 cwt. to 12 cwt., and ultimately gave way by cracking in the side, many home made molds of the improved shape, stood 120, 140, or 160 casts; though some, from the use of unsuitable metal, from roughness inside, or from other defects, had to be thrown out sooner.

Ordinary ingot molds, cast all in one piece are not, however, at the best so durable as to be really satisfactory, and many attempts have been made to introduce some radically improved type. The defects to be guarded against are of opposite kinds, and the metal used is thus required to be of a somewhat intermediate character; the more soft and graphitic it is the better the mold yields to the strain caused by unequal heating throughout its mass, and hence the less liable it is to crack; and in the case of ordinary solid molds the liability to crack is the great evil to be avoided. At the same time, such soft metal is more readily roughened and cut into holes by the melted steel, and in casting molds from it there is a greater risk of flaws or hollow places on the inside surface, caused by the quantity of graphite that floats on the melted metal; any such flaws or roughness that cannot be chipped out making the mold useless, as the ingot will stick in it at the first cast. If the liability to crack could be diminished, ingot molds might be made of less gray iron, which would be at the same time more easy to cast with a clean, smooth surface, and less readily cut, or roughened, in use, by the liquid steel.

The plan that has been most extensively tried is to make each mold, as already mentioned, in two parts, planed at the joint and bolted or clamped together (Fig. 7 and 8); and this is so far successful that such molds, if made of good No. 3 pig iron, are not more liable to crack than solid molds made of the grayest No. 1; while they are more easily cast,

and remain longer smooth; and if made of the same metal as is generally used for solid molds, and with the same care, they may be regarded as almost safe from the risk of cracking. Such molds hold form the promise, also, of other advantages, such as that parallel-sided ingots may be cast in them, and that an ingot sticking in the mold may be readily got out, by slackening the bolts or clamps that hold the two parts together; but their use brings with it new difficulties, that do not seem to have been yet quite satisfactorily overcome.

When a split mold, such as is shown in section by Fig. 8—a mold made in two parts, bolted together through flanges or lugs at the sides—is filled with liquid steel, and the inside is thus strongly and rapidly heated, and expands more than the outside, the mold tends to assume a shape approaching that shown, in an exaggerated form, by Fig. 9; but the bolts holding the two parts together resist any such separation of the flanges; and the metal of the mold, being forcibly prevented from assuming the form that expansion seeks to give it, takes a permanent set, or "warps," as cast iron readily does at a red heat; the flanges and the outer edges of the joint becoming bent toward each other, so that when the mold has cooled down again the joint is more open toward the inside than it was before casting (Fig. 10), the flanges are closer together and the bolts more or less loose. This action is repeated each time that the mold is filled, and the warping or permanent set increases, more especially after every tightening of the bolts, until the joint becomes so open that steel runs into it, forming a fin on the side of the ingot. The fin then forms, at each cast, a new fulcrum for the further straining of the mold, and its thickness gradually increases until the mold becomes unfit for use, and must be thrown aside or the joint replanned.

That the tendency of split molds to open at the joint is due to warping, and not to the burning or wearing away of the angles between the joint faces and the inside of the mold, is shown by the fact that even when a joint has opened fully a quarter of an inch, the angles are still sharp, and the planed faces as smooth as when

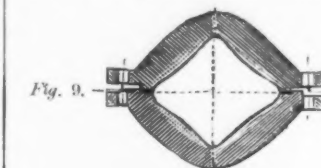


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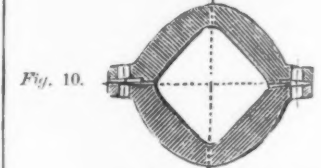


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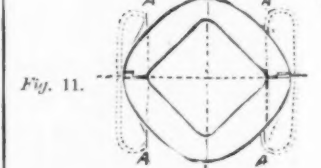


Fig. 11.

they left the machine. The plan of shaping the joint, as shown by Fig. 8, so that the two parts may touch only along the inner edge, though it is advantageous, does not entirely prevent the formation of fins on the ingots, as the extent to which the joint tends to open is not equal from end to end, being greatest opposite to each bolt hole, and diminishing to nothing above the height to which the mold is generally filled; and the joint faces thus become twisted so as to stand open at some parts, while touching at others.

The opening of the joint being caused by the strain that is put on the mold when heated, by fixing the parts of it together by rigid bolts, which pass through lugs or flanges, b b (Figs. 7 and 8), and resist the tendency of these flanges to separate, the remedy is clearly to hold it together in such a way that, while the parts are kept in position with sufficient firmness, the strain to which they are subjected, by resistance to their deformation when the inside becomes heated, may be either diminished or removed. One plan of diminishing this strain is to fit strong springs, or spring washers, under the heads of the bolts, so that these may yield, to some extent, when the mold is expanded by heat. This arrangement has been introduced in practice pretty extensively, and may be regarded as fairly on its trial. It diminishes the strain on the mold very considerably, and in so far reduces the tendency to open at the joint; just as the strain is reduced, in using ordinary bolts, by keeping these as close as possible to the inner edge of the joint. As the springs used are necessarily very strong, the remedy can only, however, be partial; to make it complete, to hold the halves of the mold together, so that while they are quite firm in ordinary handling, no resistance may be offered to their change of form under the influence of unequal heating, the lines of strain, joining the points by which they are gripped together (A A, A A, Fig. 11) must be brought within the inner edges of the joints, as these edges are the lines on which the parts of the mold hinge in expanding. This might be done by clamping the parts together, either by spring clips, driven on from the top, as shown by dotted lines in Fig. 11, or by rings dropped over the mold and wedged up, the plan commonly adopted in the case of the small molds used for tool steel.

By the adoption of some such plan it is probable that the joints of split molds for heavy rail ingots may be maintained quite close, until they are otherwise worn out, or at least that the tendency to open may be so much diminished as to render such molds preferable, for ordinary use, to those of the more common form. They would, perhaps, still show some tendency to warp or twist irregularly, but any such warping might be prevented from causing the opening of the joints, when once the constant tendency to make these gaps was avoided, by merely keeping the parts clamped firmly together from top to bottom, as cast iron at a red heat yields readily under pressure. The halves of the molds for tool steel ingots are, for instance, fitted to each other, without planing, by merely clamping them together firmly while at a red heat.

In designing split molds, the relative thickness of metal at the corners and in the sides should be adjusted with the same care as in the case of solid molds, and projecting ribs or flanges should be avoided, in order that, when the mold becomes heated, it may be as nearly as possible equally hot all round, and may be free to expand without strain. The importance of this point was illustrated by the failure of some of the first split molds that the writer made. In these the flanges for bolting the halves together were carried continuously from top to bottom, as shown by the dotted lines in Fig. 7, instead of being merely a series of separate lugs; and the result was, as should have been foreseen, that since the flanges remained cool, and did not expand, when the mold was filled with steel, while the body of the mold became red hot, every half mold so made soon cracked, some across the flange and some up the middle.

Boudren's Patent Adjustable Combination Lamp.

This lamp, now rapidly becoming popular wherever it is known, is built by the White Manufacturing Company, of Bridgeport, Conn., and was invented and perfected by their super-



Fig. 1.

intendent, Mr. Boudren. Among the great variety of lamps manufactured, many of them are adapted to certain purposes only, hence, a lamp which is susceptible of adaptation to all uses is certainly worthy the attention of the public. This advantage is claimed for this lamp, and from the numerous testimonials as

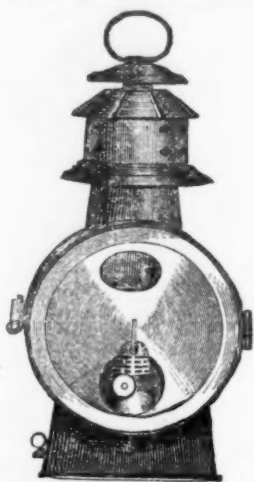


Fig. 2.

to its merits, we do not doubt that its claim is well supported. It is so constructed that it will not go out from the jolting of a carriage, from being turned on its side, or from any similar cause. It is furnished with a reflector, similar in construction to that used on the head light of a locomotive, and is capable of throw-



Fig. 3.

ing a strong light a distance of one hundred and fifty feet. The same lamp may be used for a great number of purposes, and is adapted to all of them by special fixtures, furnished with the lamp.

Fig. 1 shows it as an ordinary hand lantern. In Fig. 2 the same lamp is shown as in Fig. 1, as a hand lantern, but which is also fitted with

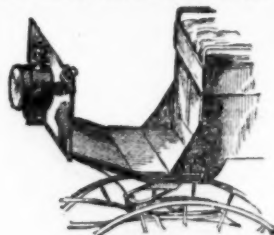


Fig. 4.

an adjustable clamp as seen in Fig. 3, for fastening to the leather dash of a carriage, as seen in position in Fig. 4. By means of other fixtures it may be attached to the bow of the carriage above the head, or to the post or any other part desired, and in all these positions, no matter what may be the angle of the support, the lamp may be fastened in an upright position, or at any desired angle. Instantly this may be detached and used as a bracket lamp for the stable, porch or hall, or again as a hand lamp. Fig. 5 represents this lamp with a cover, that may be opened or closed without noise, for which reason it is especially desirable for hunters, as it may be attached to a support, so arranged as to leave the head, arms and body free to be used for other purposes, as seen in Fig. 6, and will, at the same time, at will of the person wearing it, throw a light exactly where

it is wanted. This is equally well adapted to equestrians, to those in torch light processions, or to any occupation where it is desirable to

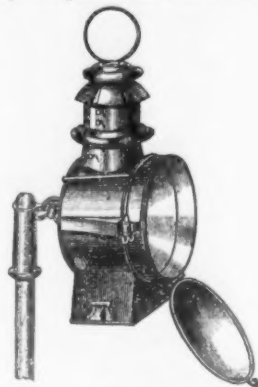


Fig. 5.

have the use of the head and arms. Fig. 7 represents the same lamp for the use of fishermen, with a reflector at right angles, which is capa-



Fig. 6.

ble of throwing a powerful light to the bottom of an ordinary stream. For the use of tenting parties, for lighting well holes, perpendicular



Fig. 7.

shafts, and for various other purposes, it is equally valuable. Fig. 8 illustrates the coach lamps manufac-

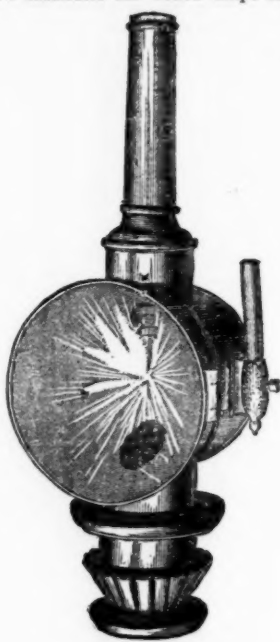


Fig. 8.

tured by this firm, which are warranted to burn on the roughest roads without being extinguished.



Fig. 9.

Fig. 9 shows their fire engine lamps, of which there are two kinds, one for the signal light and one for side lights, both of which are so

arranged that when the steamer arrives at the fire they may be turned at any angle desired to give light for working the engine or the hose carriage. These lamps, with colored glass, are particularly useful for signals, for street and railway cars, and numerous other purposes. An illustrated description of these lamps will be furnished upon application to the manufacturers.

Matters at Wheeling.

A correspondent writing from Wheeling, W. Va., speaks of the situation of affairs in the iron trade of that place as follows:

The Riverside Iron Co. have rebuilt the part of their works destroyed last summer in a more substantial manner than as originally built, and commenced running their entire works (126 machines); they claim that they are not accumulating any stock just at this time. The furnace connected with the works is again running and turning out a better quality of iron than at any time since it was put in blast, which is a source of a great deal of pleasure to them, for at one time it was a great annoyance; under the able management of Frank Hearne it comes up to their highest expectations. The Belmont Works have made a large amount of needed improvements in and about their mill, having rebuilt the entire forge and nail department; this necessitated the stoppage of works for about two months. The stock was reduced to a low point, and they are now running full, and expect to run during the year. The new blast furnace was put in blast two weeks ago, and is turning out a fine quality of gray iron, which is unequalled; its capacity is 45 tons in 24 hours. It is a success.

The Job mill is closed, having a larger stock of nails than usual, and no sale at the present prices, they concluded to hold until better times—sensible.

The "Old Reliable" Benwood Iron Works is still moving along as usual, neither turning to the right or left; it stands on a rock, its stockholders being of the wealthiest men in Wheeling, and with Messrs. Laughlin & Loring at the wheel, there is no danger but they will still have the confidence of jobbers throughout the country.

As to the La Belle Works I can say but little. They don't make much noise in the world, but do their full share of business. The hinge factory is running full time, and a fair share of orders is being received; their hopes of better times are firm, and think they will be able to run the balance of the year and not accumulate more stock than they need. It is a power in this city.

The Tack Co. is running four days in a week, as usual, and not piling up any stock as yet.

We have had a few failures here, but none connected with the iron interests—they were all caused by bad management, which has been thoroughly demonstrated to the men who have been victimized.

The Swedish wood carver, Oestergren, favorably known in England, is said to be preparing a chess-board for exhibition at the World's Fair in Philadelphia, the pieces of which are symbolic of the struggle between Ultramontanism and the modern spirit in Germany. On one side of the board appear the Emperor William and the Empress Augusta as King and Queen, Prince Bismarck and the Minister Falk as bishops; the knights are Prussian Uhlans, and the pawns are soldiers and recruits. On the other side stands Pius IX. as king, while his queen is an abbess holding a waxen taper, well nigh burned out. The bishops are cardinals, the knights are monks riding on asses, and the pawns are monks on foot. Oestergren was for many years of his life a paper stainer, and it was not until he was fifty years old that he passed an examination in drawing at the Academy of Arts in Stockholm, and began to draw and carve on wood. This is fourteen years ago, and he is now celebrated for the grace and originality of his productions.

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may be learned in the course of a half hour's walk in this building. Passing over the lesser curiosities displayed, such as sections of rails, models, the doorstop of the first railway booking office, and a locomotive which has journeyed the almost incredible length of 330,000 miles—a *bona fide* traveler that is—naturally attracted to the renowned old iron mare 'Locomotive.' There she stands, freshly furnished up in the place of honor she so well deserves. She is mounted on the original fish-bellied rails of cast iron, fastened by oak tree nails to stone blocks embedded in ballast. There were no sleepers in those times, and it is no wonder the gauge was sometimes lost and 'Locomotive' went off the line. These oak tree nails expanded when saturated by the rain, and invariably split the stone blocks, to George Stephenson's sore discomfort. The extreme length of engine and tender is 24 feet; her weight in working order is 6 tons 10 cwt. The pressure of steam to the square inch is 24 lbs., and the four wheels, which are connected by welded metal between the spokes, are four feet in diameter. The tender carries 210 gallons of water and half a ton of fuel. A singular piece of mechanism she looks to modern eyes, with her bones, so to speak, all outside, and her queer high chimney projecting with a sweep, not unlike a swan's neck, in front of the body, and terminating in a vandyke top. The gauge is 4 ft. 8½ in., that being the width of the tramways used half a century ago for the carriage of minerals. Let us turn to the young giantess set check by jowl with 'Locomotive.' What a progress is there! She is over 44 feet long; her weight is 11 tons 6 cwt.; the pressure of steam to the square inch is 140 lbs.; the leading wheels are four feet in diameter, and the coupled middle and trailing wheels are six feet. Her tender carries 2400 gallons of water and six tons of fuel, and such is her power that she is equal to traveling a mile a minute. 'Locomotive,' it is true, cost but £400, and this latter cost £3000. A peculiarity of this splendid engine is the equality of weight on the axles, obtained by an arrangement of the wheel base, so that no dead weight is required. 'Invicta,' the next, an engine built in 1850, and sent by Mr. Cudworth, of the Southern Railway, is associated with an anecdote. She was intended to run from Canterbury, but the morning she was to enter on her duties the engine driver disappeared, and Mr. Fletcher, of Gateshead, who is still living, had to volunteer to take his place. The 'Invicta' has a cylinder, remarkably like a syringe in form, fixed outside the body on the side. We next come to 'Auckland,' built by Timothy Hackworth in 1839, which attained a speed of 15 miles an hour. Six wheels coupled are used in this engine. Improvements now crop up apace. The 'Dart,' constructed in 1840, has larger wheels, and travels 30 miles an hour. She is in active service on the Stockton & Darlington line to this hour, and the same wheels and gear are still employed, the boiler only having been renewed. There are some beautiful engines from the Shillington Works, and Berry & Co., of Liverpool, are charged with the making of the samples of their make by 'Huddersfield,' a large engine in which steel tires and a copper semi-circular fire box with dome top are introduced. Several engines designed by Mr. William Bouch are exhibited; but now there is such a luxury of really good locomotives, and we get so near our own generation, that it requires something very special to attract attention. The first tank engine will arrest the visitor for a moment, but he soon arrives at the contemporary 'drinkers of the wind,' and it must be a very prodigy of engineering skill that will evoke a cry of admiration. There is an exquisitely shaped light engine from Brighton, and some 'draw customers' from the Caledonian network of rails, claim notice. But the prize engine of the lot seems to be the 'Colossus,' sent by the Northern, whose driving wheels are 8 feet 3 inches in diameter. Mr. Youngblood, of the Darlington Works, stoutly maintains that their engine, with four bogie wheels in front and driving wheels 8 feet in diameter, is not to be surpassed in conquering the difficulties of curves and heavy gradients, over which she can glide at a velocity of 60 miles an hour. But no good workman will disparage his own handicraft, and we must leave the palm of superiority to be decided as local sentiment prevails.

THE SCOTCH PIG IRON MARKET.

The Scotch pig iron market at Glasgow was firm during the whole of last week, warrants having fluctuated between 66½ to 67½ per ton. 'Makers' iron went up several shillings per ton—some what irregularly, it is true—and is still maintained in price, despite the continued steady increase in the quantity which is held in Connal's stores. The total is now 58,520 tons, or an increase of 1489 tons for the week. There are now 114 furnaces in blast and 34 out. Pig iron for ballast is still held at 50 per ton, alongside, in the Forth or Clyde. Freight to your ports are as under: New York, 5/; Boston, 14/; New Orleans, 5/; from Glasgow, 6/; from Ardrossan, 5/; and 6/ respectively; Quebec, 12/; Philadelphia, 12/; Montreal, 12/; and Providence, 15/ and 14/. To Rio Janeiro, 27/6; Buenos Ayres, 30/; Monte Video, 25/; and San Francisco, 27/6. The comparative shipments from December 25, last, up to date, show an increase of 10,545 tons, the total being 413,258, against 313,711 tons.

Writing from Glasgow, on Friday evening, September 24, Messrs. James Watson & Co. said: "We have again to report a firm market for Scotch pig iron, the opening price on Monday being 66½ cash, and continuing since steady from 66½ to 67½, cash, closing buyers 67½, sellers 67½. Shipments last week were 11,501 tons, against 14,230 tons in the corresponding week of 1874." We quote:

G. M. B. at Glasgow	No. 1.	No. 2.
Gartsherrrie	67½	66½
Coltness	67½	66½
Summerlee	67½	66½
Langloan	67½	66½
Carbarnoe	67½	66½
Calder, at Port Dundas	67½	66½
Glenarnock, at Ardrossan	67½	66½
Erdington	67½	66½
Dalmellington	67½	66½
Shotts, at Leith	67½	66½
Kinnell at Boness	67½	66½

Messrs. Wm. Colvin & Co. (Glasgow, Sept. 28) say: "The pig iron market remained comparatively steady last week, a fair amount of business being done in warrants from 66½ to 67½, cash, sellers retaining at latter price on Friday afternoon. To-day the market has been rather excited, and an extensive business was done from 67½ to 69½, cash, closing sellers 68½, buyers 68½. Transactions also took place at 66½ and 66½, months fixed. Owing to the sharp advance in warrants to-day the underquoted quotations for makers' iron must be considered nominal."

G. M. B. at Glasgow	No. 1.	No. 2.
Gartsherrrie	68½	66½
Coltness	68½	66½
Summerlee	68½	66½
Langloan	68½	66½
Carbarnoe	68½	66½
Calder, at Port Dundas	68½	66½
Glenarnock, at Ardrossan	68½	66½
Erdington	68½	66½
Dalmellington	68½	66½
Shotts, at Leith	68½	66½
Kinnell, at Boness	68½	66½
Bar Iron	68½	66½
Nail Rods	68½	66½

SHIPMENTS.	Tons.
Week ending Sept. 26, 1874	11,509
Sept. 25, 1875	10,164
Decrease	1,395
Total increase for 1875	88,322

Messrs. John E. Swan & Brother's prices current:

Glasgow Brands.	Furnaces, 14 in. dia.	Furnaces, 16 in. dia.	Furnaces, 18 in. dia.	Prices.
Gartsherrrie	13	3	16	77/6
Coltness	12	3	15	68/6
Summerlee	6	1	8	65/6
Langloan	7	0	8	78/6
Govan	4	0	5	67/6
Calder	3	0	4	66/6
Shotts	3	1	4	78/6
Carbarnoe	4	2	6	68/6
Wishaw	2	0	3	67/6
Monkland	2	0	3	67/6
Chap. Hall	3	0	3	71/6
Clyde	5	0	6	67/6
Quarter-Clyde	4	0	5	67/6

* 1 c. b. Glasgow, 1/ per ton, extra.

Glasgow Warrants, 3-5 No. 1; 2-5 No. 3, g. m. b., 67½.

WEST COAST BRANDS—f. o. b. Ardrossan.

Glenarnock	7	1	9	70/6	65/6	65/6
Ardeer	4	1	5	66/6	64/6	66/6
Erdington	6	2	8	66/6	64/6	66/6
Langloan	4	0	4	66/6	64/6	66/6
Monkland	3	0	3	66/6	64/6	66/6
Portland	3	0	3	66/6	64/6	66/6
Dalmellington	3	0	3	66/6	64/6	66/6

EAST COAST BRANDS—f. o. b. in the Forth.

EAST COAST BRANDS—f. o. d. in the Forth.						
Kinnell.....	3	1	4	66/	62/6	60/
Almond.....	2	1	3	66/	63/	60/
Carron { Selt'd Ordn'y }	3	3	6 }	67/6	65/	63/
Lochelly.....	0	4	4	66/	64/	62/
Lumphinnans.....	0	2	2	66/	64/	62/
Bridgess.....	0	2	2	66/	64/	62/

THE SHEFFIELD TRADES.

Another week has brought about very little appreciable alteration in the state of trade in the district. Everybody is still complaining of want of orders, and the few orders that are received are entirely without orders on hand of some kind or other. This, at all events, correct as applied to the iron works which are devoted to the merchant branches and to many other collateral departments of the trade. It is, however, hardly applicable to the foundries in North Derbyshire and South Yorkshire, seeing that all the leading establishments of that kind are doing good business. It is true that they each and all have coal and ore on the spot by means of which great advantages they are enabled to quote lower prices than those firms which have to buy their pig iron in the open market. Stately, Clay Cross, Sheepbridge, Renishaw and Thorncliffe are all of this class, and all are well engaged, compared with other works in different branches of the industry. Stately, I hear, is still turning out large lots of water pipes of various sizes for the Sheffield and other companies, beside a good production of general castings, and at Thorncliffe there is a steady output of builders' and general constructive castings.

Pig iron has again been steadily firm, doubtless in consonance with the stiffening tendencies of the Cleveland and Scotch markets, the chief run having been on foundry numbers. Cleveland foundry, No. 3, is about 59 here, and a good local iron of the corresponding class is several shillings dearer. Hematite pig is in moderate—but only moderate—request, at about the following nominal quotations: Maryport 'hematite,' No. 3, 77/6; No. 4, 77/6; No. 5, mottled and white, 77/6; 'Bessemer,' No. 1, 80/; No. 2, 77/6; and No. 3, 77/6—all with the usual 2½ per cent. off for prompt cash; Milson Bessemer, No. 1, 80/; No. 2, 77/6; No. 3, 75/; ordinary No. 3, 75/; No. 4, 74/; No. 5, 75/; mottled, 80/; white, 78/; on four months' terms, all with 2½ discount for cash down. There is a little improvement in the inquiry for Bessemer material in the rough for cutlery and certain specific purposes, and I also learn that one of the principal local iron works companies has secured a tolerably good steel rail order, which is now in course of execution.

At one large establishment the demand for boiler plates—which had been fairly brisk up to within a short time ago—has so diminished that the management have altered the plant so as to make it suitable for dealing with small sized armor plates. Ship plates (iron) are also in but moderate request at present, and those of this class, it is believed, must inevitably succumb to steel ones at no distant date. On Saturday last a petition was filed in the Sheffield Bankruptcy Court in the affairs of Mr. Francis Day, accountant, coal merchant, trading as the Borough Coal Company, and, with other persons, lately carrying on business as the Cardigan Iron, Steel and Wire Company. The liabilities are about £10,000.

The dispute between Messrs. John Brown & Co. (Limited), Atlas Works, and their puddlers has just now been settled in favor of the men, although it had been tentatively arranged that work should have been resumed on Monday. At the Parkgate Works, near Rotherham, the puddlers, shinglers, rollers and some of the millmen are out on strike owing to the disputed wages settlement, to which I alluded in my last week's communication. These men allege that they have always been paid 6d. per ton more for puddling than the Staffordshire men, and, therefore, now refuse to be put on equal terms. At the Northfield Iron Works, near Rotherham, where a similar dispute had arisen, the managers determined to pay the men the back money, that is to say the 5 per cent. reduction taken off since August 23d, in consideration of their resuming operations at once. At the Norman Iron Works a dispute on the same grounds exists, and will, I understand, be arranged on the same basis as that which shall be ultimately arrived at at Parkgate.

The colliers' strike at Butterley continues, and from all I am able to gather, is quite as far from being settled as at its outset. The men at the Roundwood Colliery, near Rotherham, struck work on Monday in consequence of the proprietors having stopped 3d. per maw per week, which had previously been allowed as payment for oil for the safety lamps, since these have been used in the pit. Other disputes on the same point are likely to arise at neighboring collieries shortly. The coal trade is better in respect of the best household qualities, owing to the fact that the London buyers have already begun to obtain their winter supplies. The steam and gas coal departments are a trifle brisker, several good gas coal contracts having just been placed or renewed. Up to the end of August the Great Northern has carried 629,056 tons, and the Midland 1,044,839 tons to London.

The cutlery branches are not changed in any particular respect—since last reported upon, but in some of them I continue to hear of slight accessions of activity. There is, for instance, a good inquiry for best qualities of razors, for best table cutlery, shoe knives, butcher knives and good pen cutlery. The American

fall orders for these descriptions of goods are not heavy, but such houses as Wile's, Butcher's, Rodgers and George Wootenholme's have fair commissions from their old customers, both in the United States and the Dominion. Australia also yields us fair orders.

ANOTHER IRON FAILURE.

On Thursday last there was a meeting of the creditors of Messrs. Samuel Freeth & Edward Whitting, trading as Samuel Freeth & Co., at the Phoenix Iron Works, Millwall; the West Drayton Iron Works, West Drayton; and at 60 Grace Church street, London, as iron manufacturers. The liabilities were set down at £20,824, of which the 91 insured creditors presented £20,465, and on bills £7866. The assets were not precisely known, but set down at £10,276.

BIRMINGHAM AND SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE.

The iron trade of the town and district indicated above is not brisk, but in some respects it is not quite so depressed as it has been. This is probably the result of the little pressure which exists in the shipping orders, and will not be enduring. Best bars are held with some show of firmness at £10, and common bars of a tolerably servicable character at £8. Sheets for galvanizing and corrugating purposes are changing hands at £11 to £11 10, and a few lots of boiler plates at £10 5 to £10 15. The quarterly meetings are now close at hand, but it is not anticipated that any great alteration is likely to be made. I gather that machinery is being largely introduced into the lock, bolt and curvy comb industries of the Willenhall district with very marked success. Treating of the local hardware trades, the Birmingham Post reports:

"There is a slight but steady increase of activity from week to week in the manufacturing trade of the town, though in many cases orders are being executed more rapidly than they come in. In most branches, however, the difficulty is to keep pace with the requirements of consumers, which, though rarely of large extent, are nearly all urgent. This is more especially the case with the home trade, where the practice of ordering from hand to mouth appears to be on the increase. Stocks throughout the country are exceedingly small, and a large proportion of the orders coming in are to meet pressing requirements. Factors complain very much of the additional labor thrown upon them by the smallness and urgency of the 'lines' received from travelers, combined with the difficulty of obtaining goods from the manufacturers. For this latter difficulty, which materially checks the development of trade, factors think that the diminished hours of labor and the irregularity of the workpeople are mainly responsible. Money is not so abundant in the home trade as could be desired, but there is little or no unsoundness. In regard to export, the new orders coming in are of small extent, but a good deal of eagerness is manifested by merchants trading more especially with the markets of Northern Europe to get off their consignments. With the United States business continues very dull. About a month ago a slight spurt occurred in the orders for chains, traces, guns, locks, and sundry descriptions of heavy hardware; but this activity was of very brief duration, and current orders from the States, which are chiefly upon light fancy goods and tin plates, are of very limited extent. With the Spanish West Indies a good trade was done in the spring and summer, but orders from that quarter are now falling off before the successful activity of American competitors. This competition appears to be extending rapidly to all the markets in which English edge tools are sold, and recent advices from South and Central America testify that American made tools are daily growing in favor, and superseding those of English make. There is little or nothing doing with Canada at present, but trade there is reported to be a very sound one, and so soon as the grain stocks are realized and money set free a brisk revival of demand may be looked for. In Brazil stocks of hardware goods are being gradually worked down, and as the exchange continues favorable trade prospects in the market are recovering. Manufacturers in the hardware trades generally are well employed, and but for the tightness of the labor market would have little cause for complaint. Prices are very firm all round. Even the yellow ware which were formerly so confidently expected to make some concession this quarter in recognition of the decline which has taken place in fuel and iron, have resolved to make no change. In some classes of malleable iron goods prices are a little more elastic, but, on the whole, quotations are very steady. A new German government contract for nickel, for compass purposes, has just been concluded with the local nickel refiners, and the effect of this, of course, is greatly to strengthen the price of the metal, which enters so largely into the German silver and electro-plate manufactures of the town. There is no great animation at present in the birding gun trade, but the larger factories devoted to the production of military weapons are in full operation on German, British and other government contracts. The ammunition trade also continues buoyant. In the jewelry trade prospects are improving, but, excepting in the chain branch, there is no great activity yet. The chandelier, lamp and gasfitting trades are all very busy, and the demand for lamp glasses, globes, &c., contributes not a little to the buoyancy of the glass trade. Iron plate workers generally are well employed on buckles, kettles, frying pans, &c. The fancy trades are active, in anticipation of Christmas requirements."

SOUTH WALES.

A considerable—or rather, I should say, comparatively considerable—number of shipmen's of railway iron have been made during the past week. On Thursday 1000 tons went by steamer Longford for Russia, and on Friday 1000 tons for the Baltic. The 1000 tons for the Baltic has taken 1600 tons to Rio de Janeiro, and a further 1000 tons to follow. Dowdall appears to be the best employed establishment.

THE METAL MARKETS.

The metal markets opened quietly but firmly last week, the commanding figures being: Chili bars, £21 to £21 10; Wallaroo, £23; Burma, £29. Tin, £24 to £25; Australian, £22 to £22 5; and Lead, £23 to £23 5.

Messrs. Von Dadelzen & North say: "Copper in the early part of the week was quiet. On Wednesday a large business was reported, and yesterday about 300 tons were done at £21 5 to £21 10 for g. o. b. Nothing reported in Australian, Wallaroo nominally £23, and Burma, £29 10. English rather cheaper. Tough, £28 to £29; manufactured, £24. Tin in strong demand, at better prices; Straits sold at £23 10 to £25, both on the spot and to arrive. Australian sold free y, at from £23 up to £23 10 on the spot, and from £21 to £22 10 for arrival; Banca steady, 33 1/2; Biliton, 50 1/2; English steady, £29. Tin plates rather better demand; prices unaltered. Lead steady, £23 5. Spelter: Silesian nominally £25 for ordinary, and £25 5 to £25 10 for special brands. Quicksilver again advanced, and the importer sells very sparingly at £14; from second hands, £14 10 to £14 14 has been paid."

The Mining Journal remarks: "Although there is not much material alteration in the position of the metal market to comment upon this week, still there are indications once more apparent of a tendency to improve, which, as time wears on, may develop more decidedly, but not to the return of normal activity until the opening of the shipping season next year."

Prices generally tend to firmness, notably in the tin market, which has been rising for some time past, and is now from 30 to £2 higher than last week. Copper, on the other hand, is slightly easier. Still the appearances are in favor of the maintenance of values generally.

The past month must have effected some positive good to the community, although not unattended with inconvenience to individual sufferers, some of whom have courted the calamities which have fallen upon them by the rashness of their proceedings and the unwarrantable character of their transactions. Others, who deserved a better fate, have been drawn into the vortex; but the result is an effectual clearance of unsound speculation. The credit system has received a death blow, and those markets which have been upheld by long credits have naturally suffered most. Copper.—The market has been very limited, and sales have been effected with difficulty. There has been but little change in the quotations for Chili bars, which stand at £21 to £21 5. Picked brands, £22 to £22 10/cash. English tough very quiet at £28; best selected, £29 to £30. India sheets are quoted £24, and yellow metal 7½ to 8½.

Lead.—There is no change to report in the position of this metal. Good soft English pig is quoted £23 to £23 5, and soft Spanish without silver, £22 12 1/2 to £22 15. Zinc.—London rolled has realized £29. Spelter.—Silesian rules £24 15 to £25, and English hard £18 15, difficult to procure. Quicksilver.—At the beginning of the week sales were effected at £13. The price in first hands was then advanced to £13 10, and on Wednesday to £14. Tin.—The market opened firm, and sales were effected in Straits tin at £24 to £24 10, cash, and £25 middle of October open, and £25 10, October delivery, and the same price September and October shipment. Small parcels of Australian changed hands at £21 10 to £22 5. As the week wore on the market became more active, and a large business was transacted daily at full prices. Straits tin has changed hands at £25 cash, and Australian has advanced to £28 10. English bars £30. Tin plates.—The market is quiet, and at present prices makers are indifferent about booking orders, there being little or no profit.

Messrs. Sandford & Bird's prices current (London): "Tin has continued to improve both in demand and in price, and closes at the best: English block and ingot, 90 per cwt.; bar, 91 per cwt.; Straits, £25 per ton; Tasmanian, £23 10; Australian, £23 per ton. Tin plates show no improvement in price, but there seems more disposition to buy. Melvyn charcoal, I. C. per box, 28/; Afan, I. C. 26/; Cyano coke, I. C. 24/; best charcoal, I. C. 23/; charcoal, I. C. 26/; best coke, I. C. 25/; coke I. C. 23 to 23 1/2; terne plates, I. C. 21/ per box; black plate, I. C. 18/ per cwt.; Black tins, 14x10, 450 sheets, 112 lb., 30/ per box; charcoal tinned sheets, up to 72x36, 38 per cwt.; coke tinned sheets, up to 72x36, 35 per cwt. Liverpool figures mainly unchanged."

A Remarkable French Stove Foundry.

In a recent issue we gave a description of a remarkable "stove grate foundry" in England. We now give an account of a still more remarkable stove foundry in France, near the town of Guise, for which we are indebted to a writer in *The Artisan* of recent date:

Napoleon III. was on the throne of France when, in 1859, Monsieur Adrien Godin planned and built the first parallelogram of his now celebrated palace for working men and women. As by degrees the beautiful structure rose and developed into a wonderful receptacle of the people and their household economies, the matter got noised about, and sentiments of jealousy began to inspire those calumnies that were rife when I paid my first visit to France. Before this time the organization of labor in England and Germany had already become terrible to the crowned heads of Europe, because these organizations were observed to tend toward the co-operative or communistic rather than the competitive system governing political institutions, and whose legitimate offspring the working classes found to be monopoly. Napoleon kept spies on the lookout for these societies abroad, and forbade their organization in France. Workmen were rigorously forbidden to collect together in larger numbers than a half-dozen at a time; and the jealousy of the government was heightened on seeing this bold step of Godin in attempting, alone and single-handed, to do that which the people themselves were not allowed even to assemble and take measures to do. Having the monopoly of the press, and it being treason for poor people to organize a press of their own, they, of course, encountered no difficulty in disseminating all sorts of slanders, both against Godin and his industry.

The fact that the plan of this edifice and its surrounding industries had been refused in 1867 at the great World's Exposition gave the monarchists a semblance of proof against the Familistère, although, in reality, the board of management of that exposition had been secretly instructed to turn a deaf ear and award no medals to the dreaded revolutionist of the Social Palace of Guise. The word went out that Godin was a rich manufacturer who employed a large number of hands, and he had devised this hotel merely to board and accommodate them; that he had no other wish in his mind than to get the largest amount of profit out of his men; and consequently, like any other slave master, it behooved him to keep them well in order to get this quantity of labor from them. It was further reported that he was a hard hearted skinflint; that he had repudiated his wife and kept a mistress; and that the good, quiet people of Guise were incensed against him.

These rumors were made so plausible, and other labor movements elsewhere were so pressing, that I did not visit the Social Palace of France until the close of my second journey through Europe. It was in 1870. The war with Prussia had begun, and I was under arrest, when, weary and faint with my imprisonment at Nesle, and still under strict surveillance by the gens-d'armes of France, I arrived at Guise provided only with letters from Garrido, Castelar and Dr. Henri Courcier, and a letter of safe conduct from the chief of police and the *Juge de paix* of Nesle, having proved my American citizenship. I mention this because my examination on arrest for treason against the government had been especially severe on account of papers and letters showing that I was

on a visit to the hated Social Palace of Godin, and as my letters of *sauf conduit* only granted a *quinzaine de jours* of sojourn, I was to be "eliminated" from France after a two weeks' visit. Since the overthrow of that falsifying, inquisitorial government, the people have made the much misrepresented hero of the Familistère a member of the National Assembly and Chief of Industries in France and Belgium.

A careful study of this man and his industry reveals the fact that, instead of the palace being a mere creation to accommodate the industry itself, as was alleged against him, the reverse is the exact truth. The palace for happying the hearts of the tradesmen of France, of whom he himself is one, was the early day dream of M. Godin. But, unlike most theorists and inventors of improvements in the world, he possessed a rare practical talent. He was, as he himself describes it, "born a financier-revolutionist." He had a supreme contempt for falsehood, and an equal contempt for kingcraft and priestcraft, which he believed to be the abettors of falsehood. With these feelings ranking in his bosom, the young man worked at his trade as machinist during fifteen years, and all this time, according to his own account of his life, he was studying how to verify this dream. "The workingman deserves to live in a palace," thundered the stern mechanic; "he shall have it." After several unsuccessful minor efforts to set up business in the line of machinery, he invented a heating range, and also obtained sundry patents for enamelling stoves and other heating apparatus, and commenced on a limited scale on the border of the quaint, miniature old city of Guise, near the Belgian frontier. Although there is no railroad within a distance of 15 miles on the one side or 7 on the other, there is a canal within about 3 miles, which, with the aid of cartage, was made convenient for sending off his manufactures, and a brisk business in stoves was soon the result.

The business flourished. Everything the man undertook seemed to yield its hundred-fold. In a few years, from 1840 to 1850, the stove manufacture of M. Godin-Lemaire assumed tone in France. A few years more, and stoves, furnaces, heaters and ranges were known and in demand in Belgium, Holland, Germany and Switzerland, if the commercial frontpiece, "*Fonderies et manufactures de chauffage de Godin Lemaire*" embellished the models. The shops consequently had to be enlarged, and a little town began to thicken around the factory. A purchase of nearly 50 acres of land, including the site of the palace, was, in course of events, effected, 30 of which are now occupied by the industry alone. Whole streets, a half mile in length are to be seen, each side lined with the buildings belonging to the vast manufactory.

In Europe, great manufactories like this are called *Usines*, a term in French in itself explicative of relative magnitude as to manufactories. A mere manufactory covering an acre or two of ground, may rest unknown to the commercial world, contenting itself with such trade as it may come in contact with, and it is thrifty or it perishes, is steadfast or transient, as fortune dictates. But the *usine* dictates its own fortune. It is an institution when it covers an area of 10, 20, or 50 acres—becomes a *usine*—and is able to cope with competitors, employ the best draughtsmen, salesmen and artisans, pay them for a lifetime, watch and conform to the march of improvement, and mold and carve its own future, profiting by, rather than succumbing to, the vicissitudes it encounters in its career. The *usines* of M. Godin cover about 30 acres, and are a model of economy and cleanliness.

M. Godin, although the creator and proprietor of this institution, that has, perforce its great merits, buffeted its way through the intricate intrigues of a military despotism for more than thirty years, is desirous of leaving it to the people. He once, in a conversation with me, said: "I do not own it. I did not make it. I gave my ability in judgment and labor for this industry, and, with the aid of others, it has become what it is. I claim, therefore, one equal share with the 2000 it is capable of housing and employing. I have my home in one of the apartments, like any of the rest, and would not change my residence in it for the best chateau or pavilion in the realm. But in the present ignorant and unorganized condition of the working class it would be dangerous for me to lose my control over it."

Still, Godin is of firm conviction that the whole institution, palace, *usines*, schools and pleasure grounds belong to society, and should all be operated and perpetuated for and in the common interest of all members or citizens thereof. His careful, thoughtful use of words shows that he is truly a savant in social theories, especially in the practical application of them; and he regards the two terms, co-operation and communism, as synonymous.

When the *usines* are in full blast there are fully 3000 men and women (mostly men) employed; and as the entire population of the city of Guise does not exceed 8000, they form a very considerable share of its inhabitants. All of them, on account of their families, cannot find room in the palace. Some live in the city, while others own little places adjacent, on the road to Landreux. These are employed irrespective of the palace and its attractions. They are engaged without respect to nationality, although they are mostly French. They are intelligent, and remarkably independent in their notions, and are, so far as may be observed by a visitor, free from the truckling, time serving spirit satirically known in American politics and business houses as *flunkys*. The last two things a Frenchman will yield for the sake of petty advantages is honor and good living. These are his luxuries, and he will not cringe even for the best rooms in the palace. For this reason a good deal of discussion is kept up among the working people in regard to the relative comforts of inside and outside living. This discussion acts very favorably in enlight-

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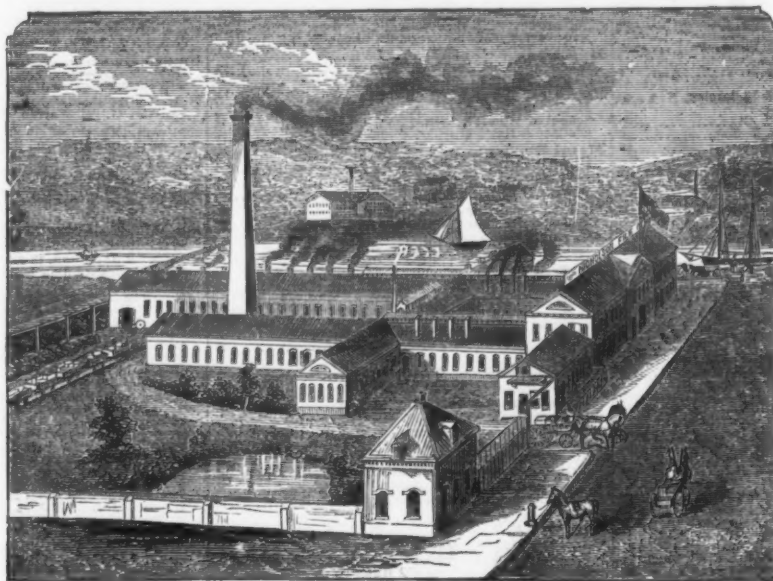
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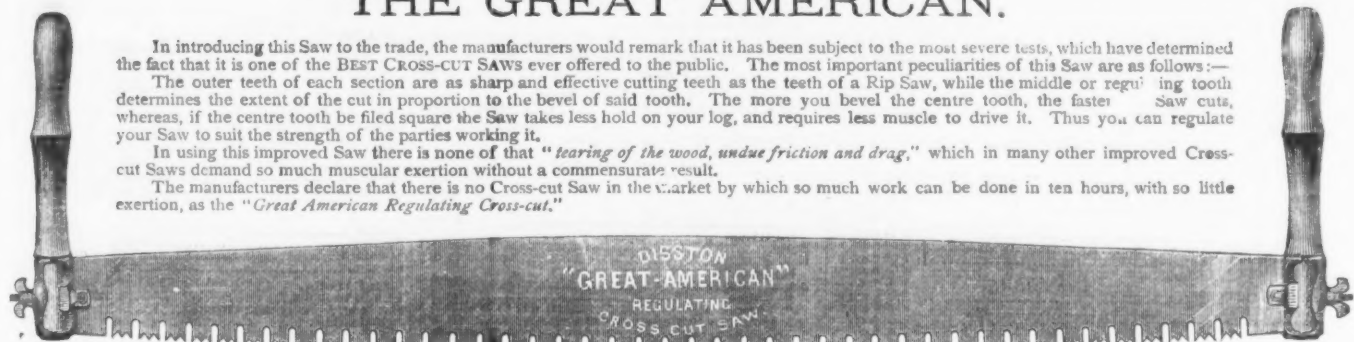
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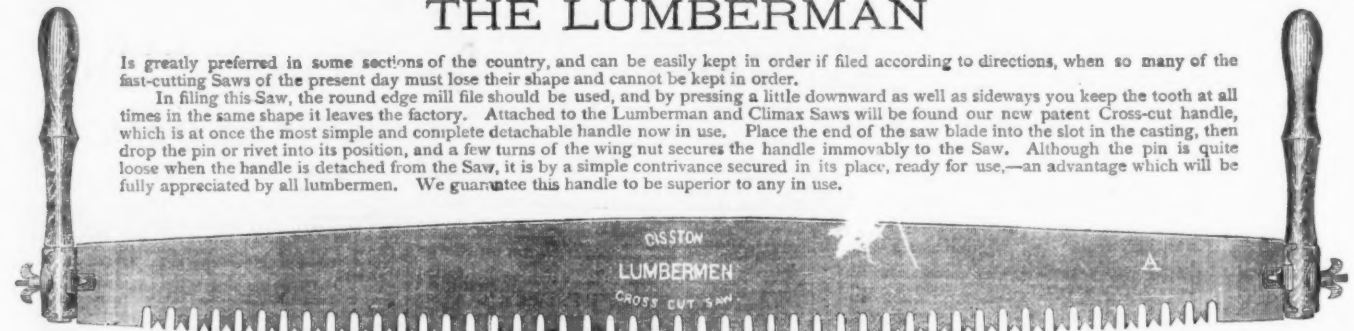
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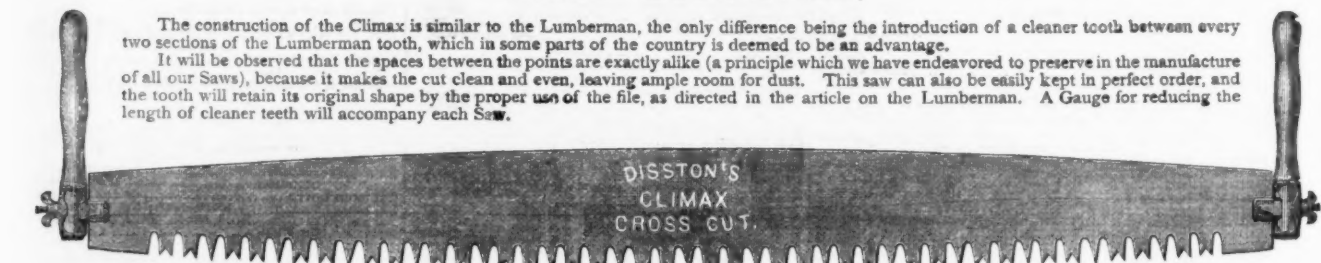
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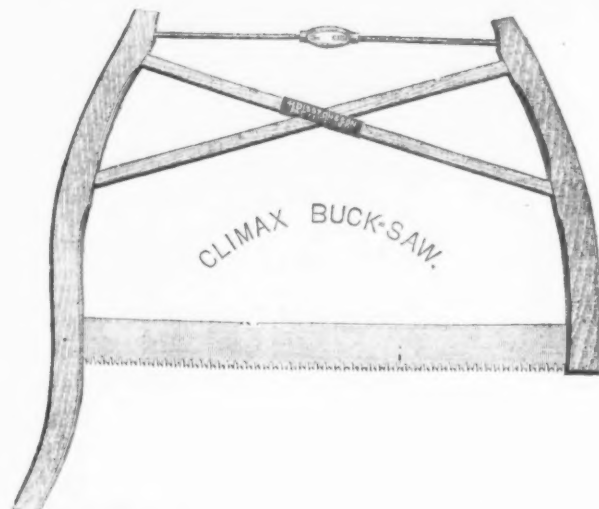


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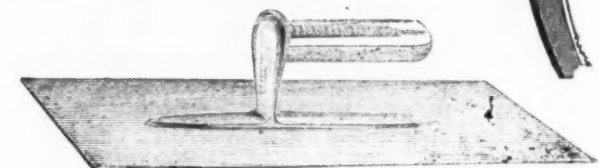
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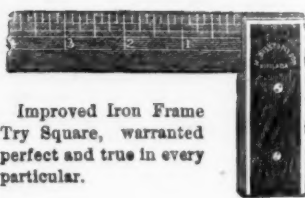
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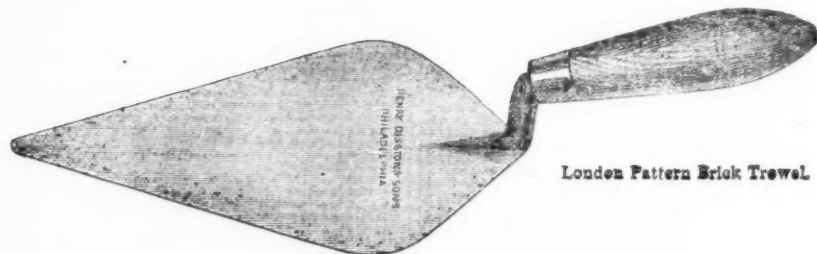
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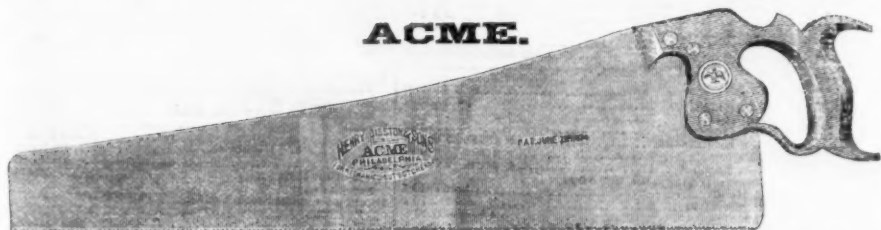
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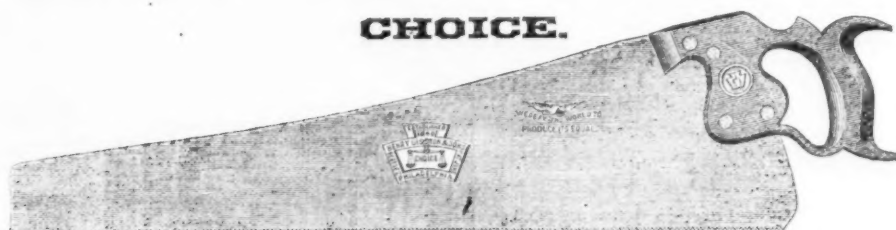
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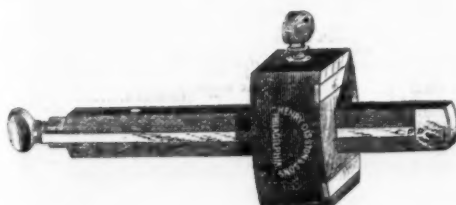
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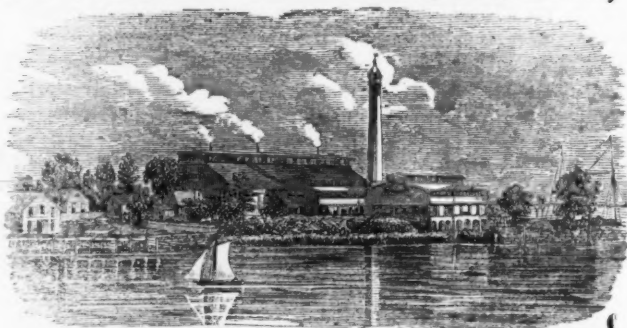
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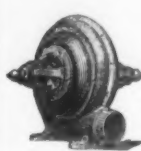
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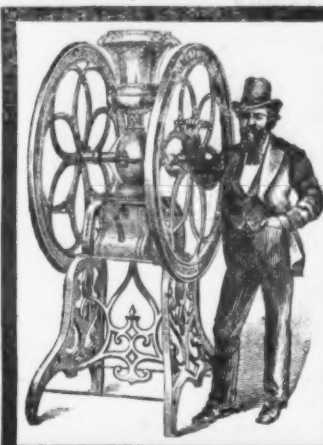
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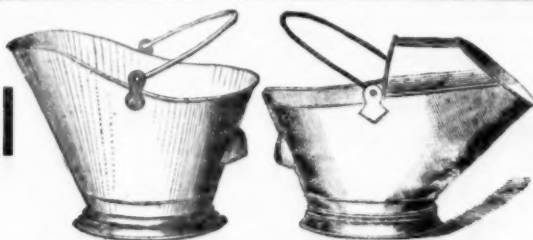
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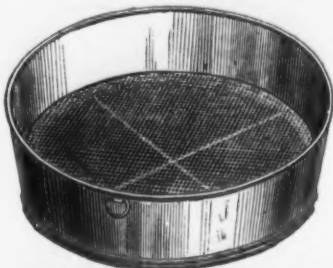
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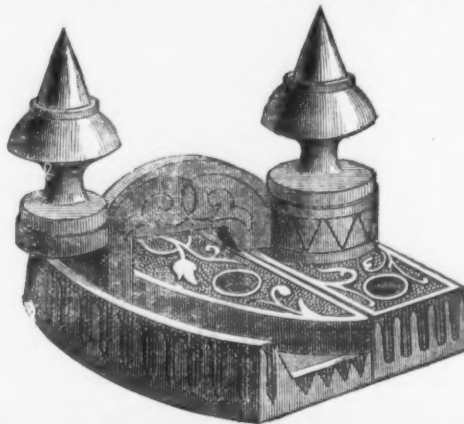
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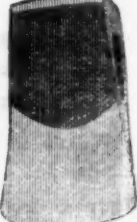
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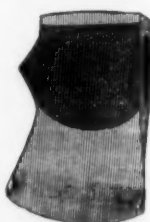
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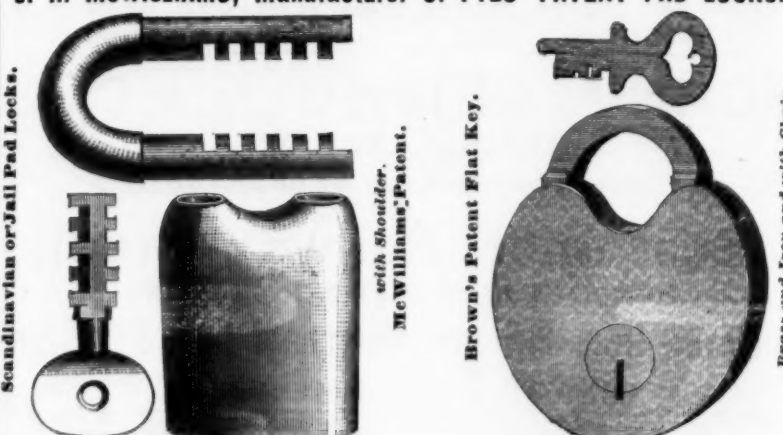
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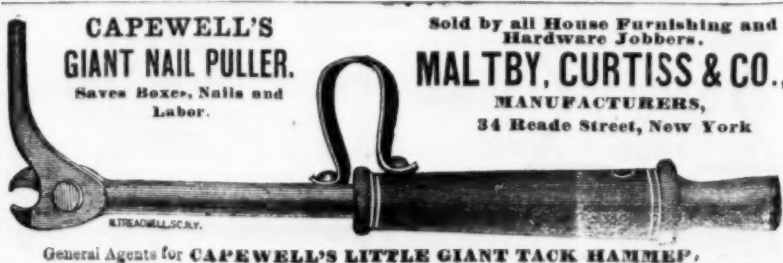
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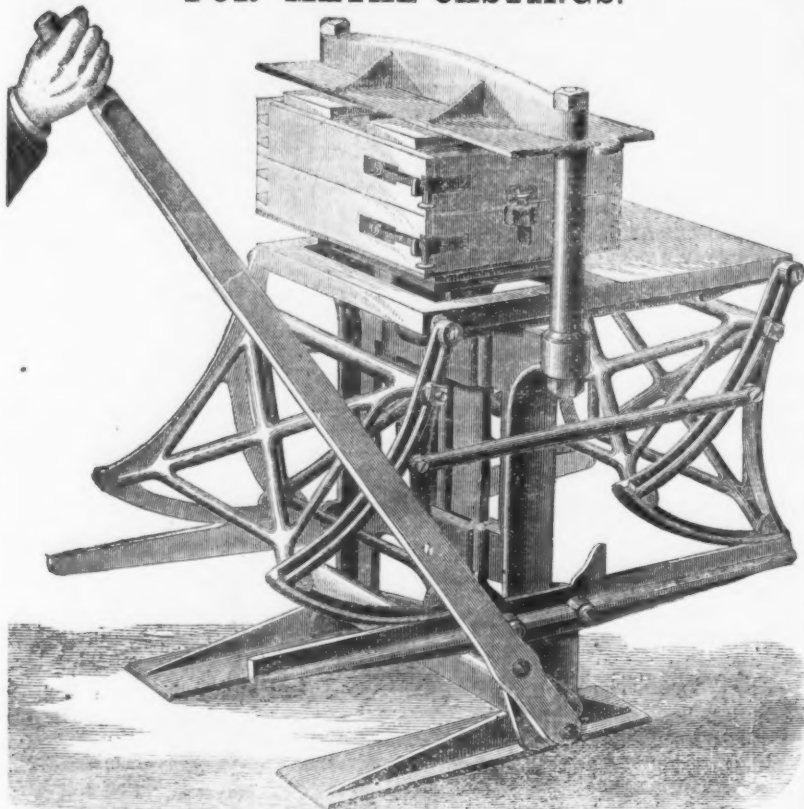


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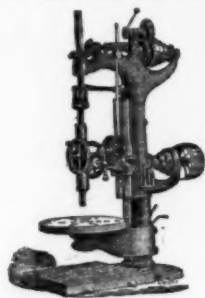
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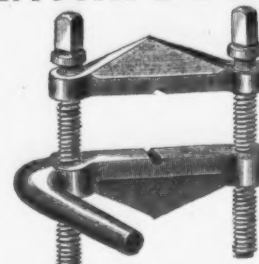
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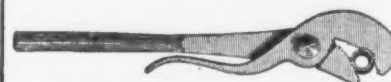
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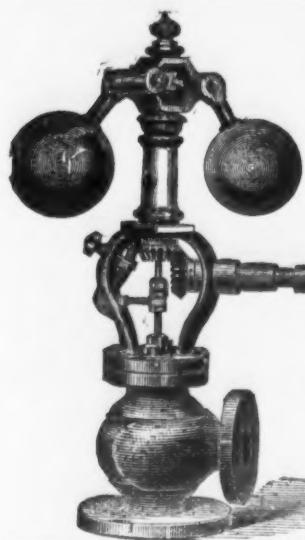
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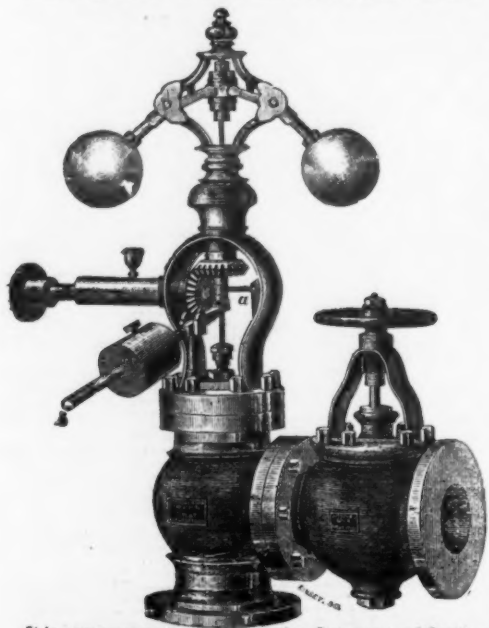
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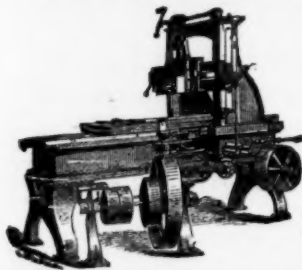
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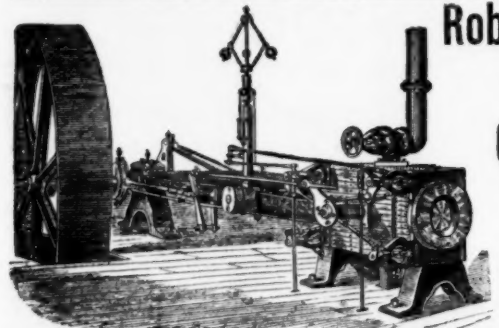
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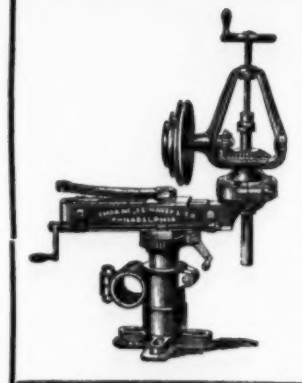
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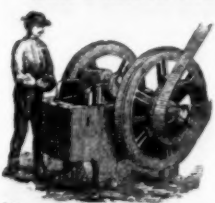
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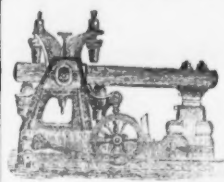
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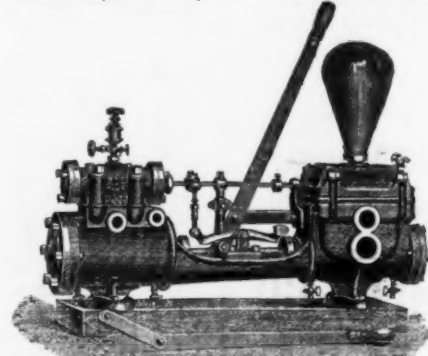
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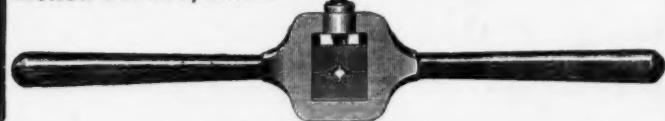
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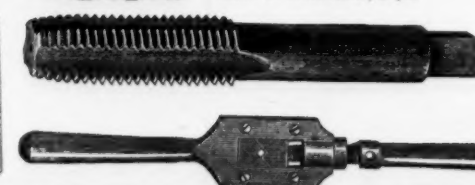
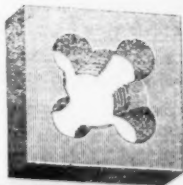
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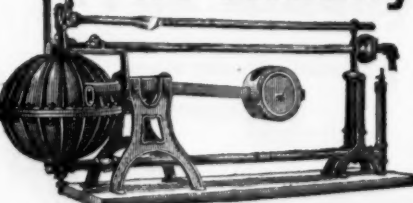
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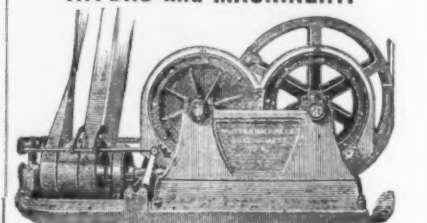
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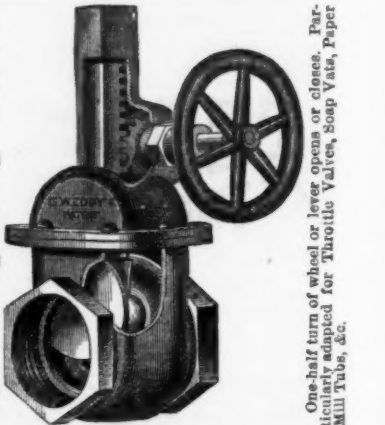


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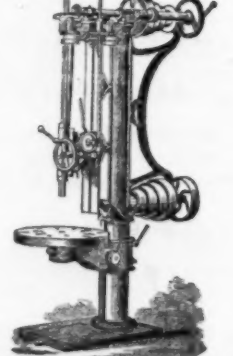
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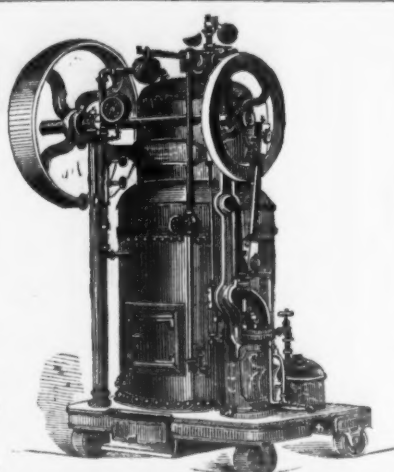
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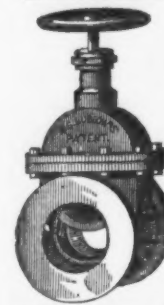
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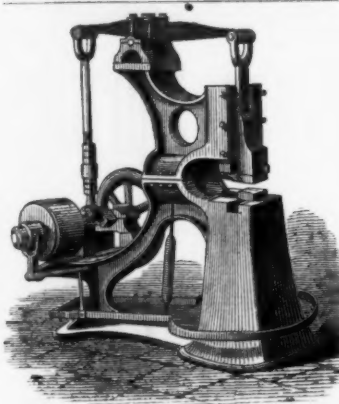
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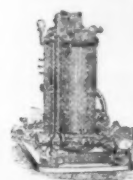
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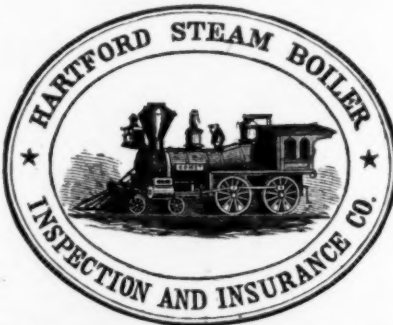
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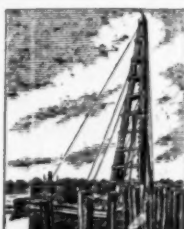
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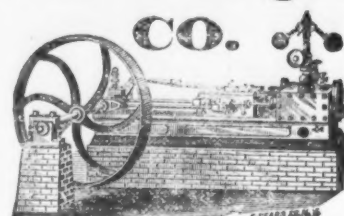
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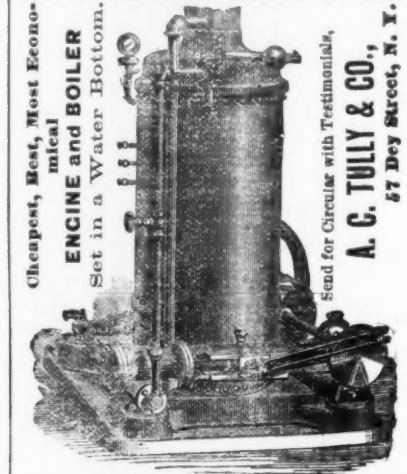
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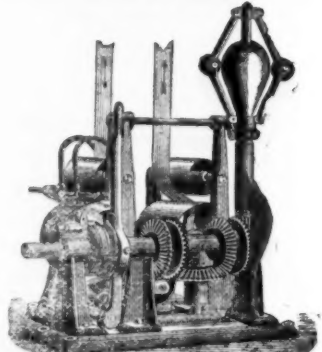
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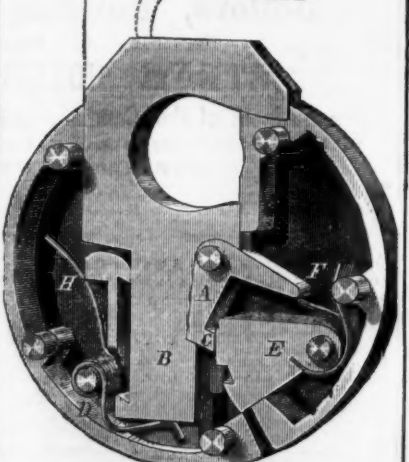
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